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1                   [REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION TUESDAY,  
2                   JUNE 29, 2010, BEGINS ON PAGE 274.]  
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6   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS MORNING'S  
7 MEETING. OUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING IS GOING TO BE LED BY THE  
8 REVEREND CATHERINE WAGAR, ST. MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGELS  
9 EPISCOPALIAN CHURCH IN STUDIO CITY. OUR PLEDGE THIS MORNING  
10 WILL BE LED BY ERNEST L. HUGHES WHO'S A VETERANS COUNSELOR FOR  
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. WOULD YOU ALL  
12 PLEASE STAND. REVEREND?  
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14 **REV. CATHERINE WAGAR:** GRACIOUS GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR  
15 THIS NEW DAY IN WHICH THESE PEOPLE, OUR ELECTED SUPERVISORS,  
16 THEIR STAFF MEMBERS AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BUSINESS WITH  
17 THEM, ARE GATHERED FOR THE WORK OF THIS DAY. WE ASK YOUR  
18 BLESSING ON THE COMPLEX AND CHALLENGING TASKS THAT ARE TO BE  
19 UNDERTAKEN BY THEM ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES  
20 COUNTY. WE PRAY THAT ALL OF US MAY BE TOUCHED BY YOUR SPIRIT  
21 OF WISDOM. GIVE GRACE TO THIS ASSEMBLY SO THAT IN THEIR WORK,  
22 THEY KNOW THAT YOU, O GOD, LOVE EACH PERSON AS IF THEY ARE THE  
23 ONLY PERSON. MAY WE LEARN TO EMBRACE OUR DIVERSITY IN THIS  
24 COUNTY WITH PATIENCE AND INSIGHT, PUTTING AN END TO CONTENTION  
25 AND STRIFE AMONG ALL PEOPLE AND SHARING CREATIVE AND



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1 RECONCILING APPROACHES TO OUR COMMON LIFE. WE GIVE THANKS FOR  
2 THE MANY ASSETS AND STRENGTHS OF THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN  
3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ESPECIALLY GIVE THANKS FOR THE  
4 DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF THE SUPERVISORS WHO SERVE ALL  
5 PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY. AT THE SAME TIME, WE REMEMBER AND LIFT  
6 UP THE BROKENNESS OF MANY PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE, OUR NEIGHBORS  
7 WHO WANT WHAT WE ALL WANT, TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND  
8 RESPECT, TO HAVE JOBS AND HOUSING THAT WILL SUSTAIN US, TO  
9 ASSURE THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE WELL EDUCATED, TO EXPERIENCE  
10 SAFETY AND SECURITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. MAY WE NEVER SEEK TO  
11 FULFILL OUR OWN INTERESTS AT THE EXPENSE OF THOSE ON THE  
12 MARGINS. IN ALL THAT IS SAID AND DONE HERE TODAY IN THIS  
13 CHAMBER, MAY WE REMEMBER THAT EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP MEANS BOTH  
14 BEARING WITNESS TO OUR COMMON VISION AND SERVING CONSTITUENTS  
15 WITH COMPASSION AND INTEGRITY. HELP US, O GOD, TO BE THE  
16 LEADERS THAT YOU HAVE CALLED US TO BE. MAY WE ALWAYS REMEMBER  
17 THE WORDS OF THE PROPHET MICAH WHO SAID, "WHAT DOES THE LORD  
18 REQUIRE OF YOU BUT THAT YOU DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS, AND  
19 WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD?" AMEN.

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21 **ERNEST L. HUGHES:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG, PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND  
22 OVER YOUR HEART. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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24 **ERNEST L. HUGHES:** PLEASE BE SEATED.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, WE WERE LED IN THE INVOCATION  
4    THIS MORNING, VERY INSPIRATIONAL INVOCATION, BY REVEREND  
5    CATHERINE WAGAR WHO'S AN ORDAINED DEACON IN THE EPISCOPAL  
6    DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES. CURRENTLY SHE IS WORKING AS A  
7    VOLUNTEER PARISH DEACON AT ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS  
8    EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN STUDIO CITY. IN ADDITION, REVEREND WAGAR  
9    IS A VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AT TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY  
10   AND ASSISTS IN THE IMMIGRANTS RIGHTS' PROJECT OF PUBLIC  
11   COUNSEL. HER TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE IN ORGANIZATIONAL  
12   CONSULTATION INCLUDES MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF WORK WITH HUMAN  
13   SERVICE AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SERVING MARGINALIZED  
14   PERSONS. REVEREND WAGAR IS VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF  
15   DIRECTORS OF TEAM SURVIVOR CALIFORNIA AND ALSO SERVES AS A  
16   TRUSTEE OF THE EPISCOPAL THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL IN CLAREMONT AND  
17   HER HUSBAND IS BRUCE RANKIN-- BRUCE, RIGHT? WHO HEADS UP THE  
18   WEST SIDE FOOD BANK AND DOES A GREAT JOB THERE, SO THIS IS AN  
19   ALL PURPOSE HUMAN SERVICE FAMILY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR  
20   LEADING US IN INVOCATION THIS MORNING. [APPLAUSE.]

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22   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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24   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR AND  
25   COLLEAGUES. WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US THIS MORNING AND



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1    THANK HIM FOR THE LEADING OF US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE,  
2    ERNEST L. HUGHES, WHO HAS LIVED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR  
3    APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS. HE IS CURRENTLY A VETERANS COUNSELOR  
4    FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. HE  
5    SERVED AS A STAFF SERGEANT IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS IN THE  
6    FIRST BATTALION THIRD MARINES IN THE PACIFIC AND MIDDLE EAST  
7    DURING DESERT STORM. HE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF AWARDS AND  
8    DECORATIONS THAT INCLUDE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION  
9    MEDAL AND THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE  
10   NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, KUWAIT LIBERATION MEDALS IN  
11   BOTH SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT AS WELL AS OTHERS. MR. HUGHES  
12   GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY HIGH IN LOS ANGELES AND EL CAMINO  
13   COMMUNITY COLLEGE. HE'S MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN. WE  
14   THANK YOU, ERNEST L. HUGHES, FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE AND  
15   WE CERTAINLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT  
16   YOU HAVE GIVEN SERVICE TO YOUR NATION. [APPLAUSE.]

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18   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE  
19   OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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21   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
22   BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE  
23   MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D  
24   THROUGH 3-D. ON ITEM NUMBER 1-D, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A



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1 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING TWO  
2 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
5 RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S  
6 NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
9 HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 6-H, THOSE ITEMS ARE  
10 BEFORE YOU.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
13 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO  
14 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 8, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
17 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICTS, ITEM 1-P AND 2-P. ON  
18 ITEM 1-P , THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO  
19 HOLD THIS ITEM.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 2-P, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
22 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S  
23 NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8. ON  
2 ITEM NUMBER 2, THERE'S REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO  
3 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 3, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND  
4 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
5 NUMBER 5, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
6 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 6, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF  
7 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM, AND ON ITEM NUMBER 8, THERE'S A  
8 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE  
9 REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THOSE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED  
12 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
13 YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PAGE 12, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 9 THROUGH  
16 70. ON ITEM NUMBER 13, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT  
17 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 14, AS INDICATED ON THE  
18 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT  
19 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JULY 27TH, 2010.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THAT CONTINUANCE.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 18, THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER  
24 COUNTY CLERK REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
25 JULY 6, 2010. 18. YES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THAT CONTINUANCE.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 20, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
5 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 21,  
6 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
7 ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 22, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
8 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED-- EXCUSE ME--  
9 THAT THE CONTRACT BE EXTENDED FOR ONE MONTH AND THAT BE  
10 APPROVED TODAY AND THEN CONTINUE THIS ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS TO  
11 JULY 13TH, 2010. THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE  
12 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HOLD THAT ITEM. AND  
15 MADAME CHAIR, I APOLOGIZE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO  
16 REQUEST THAT ITEM NUMBER 15 BE HELD.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 29, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
21 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 33,  
22 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL ABSTAIN FROM VOTE. ON ITEM  
23 NUMBER 41, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO  
24 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 42, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
25 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 50,



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1 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
2 ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 67, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THE  
3 FOLLOWING STATEMENT, "THIS MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE WRONGFUL DEATH  
4 LAWSUIT ARISES FROM THE TREATMENT RECEIVED BY A PATIENT AT  
5 L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER" BE CHANGED TO "THIS MEDICAL  
6 NEGLIGENCE WRONGFUL DEATH LAWSUIT ARISES FROM THE TREATMENT  
7 RECEIVED BY A MINOR WHILE IN CUSTODY AT LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE  
8 HALL" AND ALSO AS INDICATED AN THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE  
9 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION  
10 PLAN FOR THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JULY 20TH, 2010, BUT THE  
11 SETTLEMENT BE APPROVED TODAY AND ALSO THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
12 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST GET SOME CLARIFICATION?

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THEY DID NOT GET ANY TREATMENT AT THE  
19 COUNTY U.S.C.? IT WAS ONLY AT LOS PADRINOS?

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21 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** IT WAS TREATMENT AT COUNTY U.S.C BUT IT  
22 WAS UNRELATED TO THE CLAIMS.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANKS.



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 69, AS INDICATED ON THE  
2 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR  
3 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY  
4 6TH, 2010, AND THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
5 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 70, SUPERVISOR  
6 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THAT  
7 COMPLETES-- EXCUSE ME. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT  
8 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY  
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF  
12 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE AGENDA. BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
16 NUMBER 4.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN OUR  
19 PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR KNABE IS NOT HERE, SO SUPERVISOR  
20 ANTONOVICH?

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, WE WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP ONE OF OUR  
23 HOUSEHOLD NAMES, GENE GLEESON, OUR A.B.C. EYEWITNESS NEWS, WHO  
24 IS SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE AS A CIVILIAN. HIS WIFE CHARLIE IS  
25 HERE AS WELL. GENE'S GOING TO BE RETIRING FROM HIS GENERAL



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1 ASSIGNMENT REPORTER AFTER A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN BOTH RADIO  
2 AND TELEVISION. BORN AND RAISED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN  
3 RIVERSIDE, HE GRADUATED FROM RAMONA HIGH SCHOOL AND THEN  
4 ATTENDED RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE AND SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY  
5 WHERE HE OBTAINED HIS B.A. IN HISTORY. HE LATER ATTENDED  
6 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY WHERE HE OBTAINED HIS MASTER'S IN  
7 JOURNALISM. BEGAN IN RADIO WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL WORKING AT  
8 K.I.C.O. IN CALEXICO, AND K.F.X.M. IN SAN BERNARDINO AND  
9 K.W.I.Z. IN SANTA ANA AND K.F.M.B. IN SAN DIEGO AND THEN A 20-  
10 YEAR DISC JOCKEY AT K.F.X.M. HE WAS ON STAGE WITH THE BEATLES  
11 AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL IN 1964. AND THERE HE WORKED AS A  
12 REPORTER AND ANCHOR AT K.F.M.B. AND K.G.T.B. IN SAN DIEGO  
13 BEFORE MOVING TO A.B.C. T.V. 7 EYEWITNESS NEWS BACK IN 1980.  
14 SINCE THEN, HE'S BEEN A RECIPIENT OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
15 TELEVISION AND RADIO ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR BEST SPOT NEWS  
16 STORY, REPORTING ON THE TEARING DOWN OF THE BERLIN WALL IN  
17 NOVEMBER OF 1989. RECEIVED THE GOLDEN MIKE IN 1986 FOR  
18 ANCHORING A.B.C. 7 EYEWITNESS NEWS COVERAGE OF THE CERRITOS  
19 AIR DISASTER AND TWO EMMY AWARDS FOR REPORTING AND ANCHORING  
20 BOTH IN SAN DIEGO AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO, GENE, WE WISH  
21 YOU A HAPPY RETIREMENT. IT WAS GOOD WORKING WITH YOU AND BEING  
22 ABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU RAISED FOR THE VARIOUS  
23 ACTIVITIES WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH. WE WISH YOU A HAPPY  
24 RETIREMENT AND HOPE YOU'LL STILL STAY INVOLVED. [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO SEE MORE OF THE IRRESPONSIBLE  
2   ONES RETIRING RATHER THAN THE RESPONSIBLE ONES. [LAUGHTER.]

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4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SAY A FEW WORDS?

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6   **GENE GLEESON:** FIRST OF ALL, I NEVER EXPECTED TO BE UP HERE.  
7   I'M USUALLY OVER THERE. IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE AND AN HONOR.  
8   THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS. I THINK OF ALL THE TIMES THAT  
9   I'VE BEEN HERE COVERING THIS BODY. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT BODY  
10  AS THE WORK YOU DO AFFECTS EVERY SINGLE RESIDENT OF LOS  
11  ANGELES COUNTY. UNFORTUNATELY IN RECENT YEARS WE HAVEN'T BEEN  
12  HERE AS MUCH AS WE USED TO BE, AND THAT HAS A LOT TO DO WITH  
13  OUR BUSINESS, NOT YOUR BUSINESS, BUT HOPEFULLY, YOU KNOW, OUR  
14  BOSSES AND OUR CONSULTANTS WILL SEE THE VALUE IN COVERING CITY  
15  GOVERNMENT AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT ON A MORE INTENSE BASIS THAN  
16  WE HAVE IN THE PAST AND THAT WOULD BE GOOD FOR BOTH US AND  
17  YOU, I THINK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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19  **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IF I COULD JUST ADD  
20  TO GENE, WE WANT TO THANK HIM FOR ALL OF THE OUTSTANDING YEARS  
21  OF GREAT SERVICE TO US. I WAS PARTICULARLY PROUD TO WATCH YOU  
22  AS YOU ANCHORED ALL THE TIME. YOU COULD JUST DELIVER EVEN THE  
23  BAD NEWS WITH VERY, VERY, I DON'T KNOW, I DON'T WANT TO SAY A  
24  HAPPY FACE, BUT A PLEASANT FACE. BUT I PARTICULARLY LOVE WHEN  
25  I TALK TO YOU ABOUT VARIOUS ISSUES HERE, AND YOU'RE RIGHT,





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1 HOPEFULLY THEY'LL BE MORE ATTENTIVE TO THE ISSUES HERE. WE'RE  
2 A VERY IMPORTANT BODY, NOT BECAUSE WE'RE IMPORTANT, BUT THE  
3 WORK WE DO IS VERY SIGNIFICANT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ENJOY YOUR  
4 RETIREMENT.

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6 **GENE GLEESON:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP JOSE SUAREZ AND  
9 DIRECTOR GAYLE FARBER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF  
10 PUBLIC WORKS TO RECOGNIZE JOSE AS BEING NAMED 2010 LOS ANGELES  
11 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR. JOSE  
12 DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN OUR COUNTY SERVICE FOR THE PAST 16  
13 YEARS, ADVANCING FROM CIVIL ENGINEERING ASSISTANT TO HIS  
14 PRESENT POSITION AS ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER, SUPERVISOR OF  
15 THE ROAD INVESTIGATION AND VOCATION UNIT AND SURVEY, MAPPING  
16 AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION. A RESIDENT OF ALHAMBRA, HE'S  
17 WORKED FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS AS I SAID FOR 16 YEARS AND IS  
18 CURRENTLY AN ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER. HE'S WELL KNOWN FOR  
19 EXTENSIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND VOCATION KNOWLEDGE AND WORK ETHIC,  
20 PATIENCE AND HELPFULNESS. HIS ENTHUSIASM HAS ALSO BEEN  
21 DEMONSTRATED IN HIS PERSONAL LIFE. HE'S A REGIONAL MANNER  
22 ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION AND  
23 COACHES HIS DAUGHTER'S TEAM. HE'S HARD-WORKING AND DEDICATED  
24 TO PROVIDING OUTSTANDING SERVICE, SO, JOSE, THANK YOU AND WE  
25 WISH YOU MANY GOOD AWARDS WITH A.Y.S.O., WHICH IS ONE OF THE



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1 GREAT ADVANTAGES THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COUNTY, THE NUMBER OF  
2 SOCCER TEAMS WE HAVE, BECAUSE MY KIDS ARE INVOLVED IN THE  
3 SAME, BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRIVATE SIDE HELPING IN THE  
4 COMMUNITY AND YOUR PUBLIC SIDE, HELPING THE COUNTY.

5 [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GAYLE, DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING FIRST,  
8 AND THEN WE'LL ASK JOSE.

9

10 **GAYLE FARBER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ON BEHALF OF THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WE'RE EXTREMELY PROUD TO RECOGNIZE  
12 JOSE TODAY. HE HAS HIS TEAM HERE TODAY. RECENTLY WE CELEBRATED  
13 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK AT WHICH TIME WE HONOR OUR EMPLOYEE  
14 OF THE YEAR AND IT'S NICE FOR HIM TO HAVE HIS FAMILY HERE AND  
15 BE RECOGNIZED. I ALSO HAVE OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM HERE TO SAY  
16 JOSE, CONGRATULATIONS TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT, WE'RE ALL HERE AND  
17 CONGRATULATE YOU ON ALL THE WORK YOU DO. WE'RE EXTREMELY PROUD  
18 OF IT AND WE'RE PROUD OF YOU. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **JOSE SUAREZ:** THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, IT'S QUITE AN HONOR TO  
21 BE HERE. IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY THAT I SEE IT  
22 AS AN INDIVIDUAL EFFORT. IT'S ACTUALLY A GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT  
23 I HAVE BEHIND ME THAT REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE. TO START OFF  
24 WITH, MY CREW OF GUYS THAT ARE ALWAYS THERE TO GIVE ME A HAND  
25 WITH WHATEVER IS NEEDED. ALSO, MY FAMILY, MY WIFE, MY



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1 DAUGHTER, WHO ARE A BIG SUPPORT OF WHAT I DO, AND, OF COURSE,  
2 MY IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR, GLEN TROMAN, WHO NOMINATED ME FOR  
3 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR, WHICH I'M VERY THANKFUL FOR, AND ALSO MY  
4 DIVISION HEAD, STEVE STEINHOFF, ASSISTANT DIVISION HEAD, STEVE  
5 HENNESSEY, AND MY SECTION HEAD, JAIME HERNANDEZ. AGAIN, THANK  
6 YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S QUITE AN HONOR AND I'M VERY PLEASED. THANK  
7 YOU FOR EVERYTHING. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO BRING UP SOME OF OUR  
10 STUDENTS AND RECOGNIZE THEM FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL  
11 ACHIEVEMENTS, AND THIS IS A PROGRAM WHICH I WAS ABLE TO  
12 INITIATE A FEW YEARS AGO IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND  
13 WE'RE VERY PROUD OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE MOVED FORWARD  
14 WITH THESE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. LET ME FIRST CALL UP ALTAN  
15 ALACANTARIAN FOR MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT,  
16 ENRICHMENT PLUS PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
17 FAMILY SERVICES. CONGRATULATIONS. GOOD JOB. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE ALSO PRESENTING A 50-DOLLAR GIFT  
20 CERTIFICATE TO BARNES AND NOBLE. BARNES AND NOBLE. NEXT WILL  
21 BE DANIEL ENDOZY FOR BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. DANIEL? HE'S  
22 NOT HERE. OKAY. CYNTHIA LAPOS FOR BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.  
23 [APPLAUSE.]

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANDREA VARGAS, BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

2    [APPLAUSE.]

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MARISSA RODRIGUEZ FOR BEST ACADEMIC

5    ACHIEVEMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

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7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RYAN MARCHAN. [APPLAUSE.]

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9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TRISH, DO YOU WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

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11   **TRISH PLOEHN:** I DO. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR

12   ANTONOVICH TO THE THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE

13   WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. THEY ARE TRULY

14   EXAMPLES OF TRIUMPH OVER ADVERSITY AND THEY SHOW WHAT CAN

15   HAPPEN WHEN PEOPLE PUT THEIR HEADS TOWARDS HARD WORK AND

16   DEDICATION. WE'RE REALLY, REALLY PROUD AS A DEPARTMENT OF THE

17   ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ALL OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND WE THANK YOU

18   VERY MUCH. AND TO THEIR FAMILIES, TOO. YOU SHOULD ALL BE VERY,

19   VERY PROUD OF THEM AND THEIR SOCIAL WORKERS. THANKS, ALL.

20   [APPLAUSE.]

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE AUDIENCE, I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE

23   STUDENTS FROM SANTA CLARITA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT STAND UP. I

24   MET WITH THEM EARLIER THIS MORNING. IT'S A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR

25   TOMORROW SO-- [APPLAUSE.]



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**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE APPRECIATE THEM COMING DOWN AND LEARNING  
MORE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT COUNTY GOVERNMENT, SO THANK YOU FOR  
COMING DOWN. NOW WE HAVE LITTLE BENJI, WHO IS NINE MONTHS OLD,  
IT'S A LITTLE BOY, A LITTLE TERRIER MIX, COMES WITH A FLAG.  
HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. OKAY. SO YOU CAN CALL (562) 728-4644  
FOR LITTLE BENJI OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO  
ADOPT HIM. I'M SURE ONE OF OUR STUDENTS CAN SURPRISE THEIR  
PARENTS BY BRINGING BENJI HOME, BUT WE DON'T WANT TO SURPRISE  
PARENTS LIKE THAT. ANYWAY, LITTLE BENJI.

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**SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, MY UNDERSTANDING,  
LITTLE BENJI WAS FOUND BY ONE OF MY STAFF PEOPLE AND HE WAS  
ALL DIRTY AND CAUGHT UP WITH ALL KINDS OF THORNS AND HE HAD A  
VERY HIGH TEMPERATURE. THEY TOOK HIM TO THE VET AND SO HE'S A  
CUTE LITTLE PUPPY OR CUTE LITTLE DOG THAT REALLY DESERVES A  
GOOD HOME. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE ANGIE CASTRO FROM MY OFFICE  
WHO RESCUED BENJI. [APPLAUSE.]

19

**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

21

**SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOUR  
PRESENTATIONS.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME  
2   CHAIR, AND TAKE DELIGHT IN THE PRESENTATION THAT WE ARE ABOUT  
3   TO MAKE TO THE FOSHAY ROBOTICS TEAM. DELIGHTED TO HAVE WITH US  
4   TODAY SEVERAL OF THE STUDENTS, SOME OF THE MENTORS. WE  
5   ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRINCIPAL, YVONNE EDWARDS AND THE LEAD MENTOR,  
6   DARRYL NEWHOUSE. THE FOSHAY LEARNING CENTER ROBOTICS TEAM,  
7   NUMBER 597, KNOWN AS THE WOLVERINES, HAS DONE TREMENDOUS WORK  
8   IN DISTINGUISHING THEMSELVES FROM OTHER ROBOTICS TEAMS  
9   INVOLVED IN THE, QUOTE, "FOR INSPIRATION AND RECOGNITION OF  
10   SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY," OTHERWISE KNOWN AS F.I.R.S.T. THAT IS  
11   THE ROBOTICS COMPETITION. THE TEAM CONSISTS OF 25 MEMBERS, 12  
12   OF WHOM HAVE JOINED US THIS MORNING, WHO USE THEIR SKILLS AND  
13   THE GUIDANCE OF THEIR LEAD MENTOR, MR. NEWHOUSE, TO BUILD A  
14   ROBOT TO PERFORM PRESCRIBED TASKS AT SEVERAL COMPETITIONS. THE  
15   WORK EARNED THEM THE REGIONAL CHAIRMAN'S AWARD DURING THE  
16   INAUGURAL UTAH REGIONAL FIRST COMPETITION EARLIER THIS YEAR,  
17   AND AS A RESULT, THEY WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
18   NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HELD JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO IN ATLANTA,  
19   GEORGIA, TO COMPETE AGAINST 1,800 OTHER TEAMS. THE FIRST  
20   ORGANIZATION DISTRIBUTES 26 NATIONAL AWARDS AS A PART OF THIS  
21   COMPETITION AND FOSHAY LEARNING CENTER RECEIVED ONE OF THESE  
22   AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF THE EXCELLENCE IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.  
23   I THINK THAT DESERVES A BIG, A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.  
24   [APPLAUSE.]  
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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FOSHAY WAS THE ONLY TEAM IN THE  
2    COMPETITION WHO REPRESENTED THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL  
3    DISTRICT. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE PAST TEAM MEMBERS WHO NOW  
4    SERVE AS COLLEGE MENTORS FOR THE TEAM AS WELL AS TO ADULT  
5    SUPPORTERS WHO JOIN US TODAY, AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO JUST  
6    ACKNOWLEDGE THE MENTORS AND SUPPORTERS FOR THE WOLVERINES AND  
7    IF THEY WOULD JUST STAND AND RAISE THEIR HANDS FOR  
8    RECOGNITION. THEY ARE KEVIN ARCUDIO, OSCAR CORREA, JACQUELINE  
9    LIMAS, JOSE QUIHAS, CARLA SALINAS, AND THEN THERE'S GAYLE  
10   LENNON AND CLEMMY JONES. GIVE THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF  
11   APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.]

12

13   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND SO IT'S MY PLEASURE TO MAKE THIS  
14   PRESENTATION TO THE WOLVERINES FROM THE FOSHAY LEARNING  
15   CENTER. THEY HAVE ROBOTICS ON THEIR MIND. THIS IS TEAM NUMBER  
16   597. GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEIR AWARD-WINNING  
17   ENTRY. [APPLAUSE.]

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19   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND SO WE'RE GOING TO ASK THE PRINCIPAL,  
20   MISS EDWARDS, IF SHE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE COMMENTS AND THEN MR.  
21   NEWHOUSE, IF YOU WOULD BE SO INCLINED, AND THEN WE'LL WANT TO  
22   MAKE THESE PRESENTATIONS TO THE TEAM MEMBERS THEMSELVES. MS.  
23   EDWARDS?

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1 **YVONNE EDWARDS:** GOOD MORNING. I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM  
2 FOSHAY LEARNING CENTER. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR, AND ALL  
3 SUPERVISORS FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY. WE ARE SO DELIGHTED. I'M  
4 VERY PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS. THIS SUMMER, WE HAVE A N.A.S.A.  
5 PROGRAM WHERE WE WILL CONTINUE OUR INTERESTS IN MATH AND  
6 SCIENCE AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. NEWHOUSE, THE TEAM AND  
7 THE COUNTY FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT OF US AND L.A. UNIFIED  
8 SCHOOL DISTRICT. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **DARRYL NEWHOUSE:** I'D LIKE TO THANK MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR  
11 HAVING US HERE AND THE HONORABLE GLORIA MOLINA. WE'RE VERY  
12 HONORED TO BE HERE. JUST REAL QUICK, GUYS, WE HAVE A CRISIS IN  
13 THIS COUNTRY. YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT ENTERING THE SCIENCE,  
14 TECHNOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS FIELD. WE'RE OUTSOURCING ALL OF OUR  
15 ENGINEERS FROM INDIA, CHINA AND RUSSIA, AND WE'VE GOT TO DO  
16 SOMETHING ABOUT IT. ROBOTICS HAS ENABLED US TO MAKE THE  
17 CONNECTION BETWEEN WHAT'S TAUGHT IN THE CLASSROOM TO WHAT'S  
18 TAUGHT OUTSIDE AND KIDS MAKE REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS. THEY LEARN  
19 THINGS LIKE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING, THEY LEARN THE DESIGN  
20 PROCESS, THEY LEARN HOW TO WORK IN TEAMS, THEY LEARN  
21 RESPONSIBILITY, THEY LEARN PROFESSIONALISM, THEY LEARN ALL THE  
22 THINGS AT THIS AGE IN HIGH SCHOOL THAT THE BIG BUSINESSES ARE  
23 LOOKING FOR, PEOPLE THAT THEY CAN HIRE THAT ARE COMPETENT AND  
24 INTELLIGENT THAT CAN DO TECHNOLOGY. SO THAT'S WHY WE DO THIS,



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1 AND IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO BE HERE AND I THANK THE STUDENTS AND  
2 MY MENTORS. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH THAT KIND OF ENTHUSIASM, WE KNOW WHY  
5 THESE YOUNGSTERS HAVE DONE AS WELL AS THEY HAVE. WE THANK YOU,  
6 MR. NEWHOUSE. LET'S GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO THIS  
7 YOUNGSTERS. AND MARIA ALVA? SAMANTHA ARIOLA? SAMANTHA?  
8 [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GEORGE CHAVARIA. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DANIEL FLORES. [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LOUISE GABADIA. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RICHARD HIDALGO. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JENNIFER LIMAS. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DAVID LOPEZ. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUAN MEDUNO. [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUAN MEDUENO.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** [LAUGHTER.]

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3    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JOCELYN OCHOA. [APPLAUSE.]

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5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GUSTAVO QUINTEROS. CATHERINE RODEN. GIVE  
6    THEM ALL A BIG, A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE WOLVERINES ARE  
9    IN THE HOUSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, FOSHAY LEARNING CENTER.  
10    [APPLAUSE.]

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12    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
13    YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

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15    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, WE HAVE A SPECIAL  
16    PRESENTATION. I'D LIKE TO ASK MARK COOGAN TO COME FORWARD, AND  
17    WHILE HE'S COMING FORWARD, WE HAVE A SPECIAL BRIEF VIDEO  
18    PRESENTATION THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE FOLKS UPSTAIRS TO  
19    ROLL. I THINK THEY WILL BE ON EITHER SIDE OF THIS. [VIDEO  
20    PLAYS]

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22    **MARK COOGAN:** IT WAS A MONDAY IN JUNE, TUESDAY NIGHT, SIRHAN  
23    KILLED ROBERT KENNEDY. MY JOB STARTED A WORK LATER.

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1 **NARRATOR:** MARK STARTED WITH K.F.I. RADIO IN 1968 AS A GOPHER,  
2 THEN BECAME A WRITER AND A REPORTER AND A WITNESS TO THE  
3 BIGGEST STORIES OF THE ERA.

4

5 **MARK COOGAN:** THE FIRST TIME I COVERED IN MY LIFE WAS MANSON'S  
6 TRIAL. (SINGING.)

7

8 **MARK COOGAN:** I WAS AT THE S.L.A. SHOOT-OUT IN 1974.

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10 **NARRATOR:** MARK LEFT K.F.I. IN 1976 AND EVENTUALLY LANDED WITH  
11 THE A.B.C. NETWORK. HE LEFT THE NETWORK AND JOINED K.A.B.C. IN  
12 1981, CHRONICLING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S MOST PIVOTAL EVENTS  
13 FOR THE NEXT 30 YEARS. THE L.A. RIOTS.

14

15 **MARK COOGAN:** AND AT SLAUSON AND VERMONT, THE POLICE WERE  
16 CONFRONTING THE LOOTERS. WE'RE GOING TO SHOW YOU THAT BIT OF  
17 VIDEOTAPE RIGHT NOW. I REMEMBERED SITTING THERE, SEEING THINGS  
18 BURN AND THINKING TO MYSELF, "HOW IS THIS CITY EVER GOING TO  
19 RECOVER FROM THIS?"

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21 **NARRATOR:** THE NORTHRIDGE QUAKE.

22

23 **MARK COOGAN:** AND I REMEMBER RUNNING OVER AND HOLDING ONTO A  
24 WALL. THE FLOOR'S RATTLING AND ROLLING AND STUFF. AND FINALLY  
25 IT STOPS. ANYWAY, I I'VE GOT TO GET TO WORK.



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2 **NARRATOR:** THE O.J. SIMPSON CASE.

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4 **MARK COOGAN:** HE MAY COME AND HE MAY NOT COME.

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6 **MARK COOGAN:** I REMEMBER DRIVING DOWN BY THE AIRPORT AND HERE  
7 THEY COME UP OVER THE RISE ON THESE THREE LANES AWAY. AL  
8 COLLINS IS IN THE WHITE BRONCO.

9

10 **NARRATOR:** IF YOU KNOW MARK, YOU KNOW HE'S NOT AFRAID TO TELL  
11 IT LIKE IT IS, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO POLITICS, AND HE'S  
12 SEEN IT ALL, FROM TOM BRADLEY.

13

14 **MARK COOGAN:** POLITICALLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT THING I'VE SEEN.

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16 **NARRATOR:** TO JERRY BROWN.

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18 **MARK COOGAN:** HERE HE IS AGAIN, JERRY BROWN IS BACK AGAIN.

19

20 **NARRATOR:** TO GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER.

21

22 **MARK COOGAN:** I THOUGHT HE WOULD DO BETTER.

23

24 **NARRATOR:** TO RICHARD RIORDAN.

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1   **RICHARD RIORDAN:** SINCERELY, YOU WERE THE BEST OF THE BEST OF  
2   THE BEST.

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4   **JANICE HAHN:** HE CERTAINLY COVERED MY DAD, KENNY HAHN,  
5   CERTAINLY COVERED MY BROTHER, JIM HAHN.

6

7   **PETE WILSON:** MARK, WHAT IS THIS RETIREMENT? YOU'RE JUST A KID.

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MARK COOGAN IS REALLY ONE OF THE STALWARTS  
10  IN JOURNALISM AND IN BROADCAST JOURNALISM IN LOS ANGELES.

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12  **NARRATOR:** THE INDUSTRY IS GOING TO LOSE A PERSON THAT REALLY  
13  MADE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE INDUSTRY, AND THE PEOPLE AND THE  
14  ISSUES COVERED.

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16  **NARRATOR:** MARK JOINED C.B.S. 2 IN THE SPRING OF 2000 BRINGING  
17  HIS NO NONSENSE APPROACH TO THE NEWS.

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19  **MARK COOGAN:** AT SOME ADDRESSES, THE NEWS IS NOT GOING TO BE  
20  GOOD.

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22  **SHERIFF LEROY BACA:** MARK, CONGRATULATIONS.

23

24  **MAYOR ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA:** WE'RE GOING TO MISS HIM.

25



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1    **L.A.P.D. CHIEF CHARLIE BECK:** MARK, CONGRATULATIONS.

2

3    **MARK COOGAN:** YOU'VE GOT TO CHRONICLE OF THE STORY OF THE CITY.  
4    IT'S THAT SIMPLE. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT DOESN'T DO YOUR CAREER JUSTICE TO DO  
7    THAT IN A MINUTE OR SO, BUT IT'S AS GOOD AS IT GETS IN A  
8    MINUTE, AND I THINK IT GIVES US A LITTLE FLAVOR OF WHAT YOU,  
9    MARK, HAVE PARTICIPATED IN, WHAT YOU'VE COVERED OVER THESE  
10    LAST FOUR DECADES IN LOS ANGELES. JUST TO PUT IT IN  
11    PERSPECTIVE, YOU WERE COVERING THE NEWS WHEN I WAS ELECTED,  
12    AND THAT'S A LONG TIME AGO, WHEN I WAS FIRST ELECTED, AND I  
13    THINK YOU COVERED MY FIRST CAMPAIGN AND IT COVERED ALL OF US,  
14    BOTH IN THE CITY HALL AND HERE AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,  
15    NOT EXACTLY THE SEXIEST STORIES OF ALL TIME, BUT NOT LIKE THE  
16    ONES WE'VE SEEN HERE, BUT THAT'S WHERE WE GOT TO KNOW YOU, AS  
17    SOMEONE WHO WAS A STRAIGHT SHOOTER, SOMEONE WHO CALLS THEM AS  
18    HE SEES THEM, DOESN'T COME TO THE STORY WITH AN AGENDA BUT  
19    COVERS WHAT UNFOLDS IN FRONT OF YOU, AND IN SO DOING, YOU WERE  
20    ACTUALLY AND HAVE BEEN FOR ALL OF THESE YEARS A REPRESENTATIVE  
21    OF THE PUBLIC, THE VIEWING PUBLIC WHO CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE YOU  
22    ARE AND WHO RELY ON YOU TO CONVEY THE STORY AS IT HAPPENS, NOT  
23    AS YOU'D LIKE IT TO HAVE HAPPENED, NOT AS SOMEBODY ELSE WOULD  
24    LIKE IT TO HAVE HAPPENED. I SAID IN THAT INTERVIEW THAT THEY  
25    HAD IN YOUR VIDEO WHAT THEY CUT OUT WAS THAT YOU'RE IN THAT



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1 LEAGUE OF BROADCAST JOURNALISTS IN THIS TOWN. I PUT YOU IN THE  
2 BAND WITH PEOPLE LIKE CLETE ROBERTS AND MAURY GREEN, GREAT  
3 BROADCAST JOURNALISTS WHO I THINK FOLLOWED THE EDWARD R.  
4 MURROW MANTRA OF CALLING THEM AS THEY SEE THEM AND BEING  
5 OBJECTIVE ABOUT STORIES AND LET THE STORY TELL ITSELF, AND IN  
6 THAT REGARD, YOU HAVE JUST BEEN AN INCREDIBLE TREASURE TO LOS  
7 ANGELES, BOTH AT CHANNEL 2, 9, AT CHANNEL 7, AT K.F.I. WHEN  
8 K.F.I. WAS THE CIVIL DEFENSE STATION. I THINK YOU GO BACK THAT  
9 FAR. THE 640 CLEAR CHANNEL STATION, AS I THINK THEY CALLED IT.  
10 SO EVERYTHING THAT'S IN THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN COVERED IN  
11 THAT VIDEO THAT WE JUST SAW, BUT WHAT ISN'T IN THE VIDEO IS  
12 OUR MIXED EMOTIONS ABOUT YOUR RETIREMENT FROM BROADCAST  
13 JOURNALISM IN LOS ANGELES. YOU HAVE BEEN A GREAT ASSET TO US,  
14 TO THE PEOPLE WHO DEPEND ON US AND YOU'VE JUST BEEN A PRO.  
15 THAT'S THE BEST COMPLIMENT I THINK ANY OF US CAN PAY YOU IS  
16 THAT YOU'VE BEEN A PRO. YOU LOVE POLITICS, I KNOW YOU DO,  
17 YOU'VE COVERED CONVENTIONS. EVERY CONVENTION I'VE BEEN AT, YOU  
18 WERE THERE. YOU LOVE POLITICS, BUT YOU WERE ABLE TO TRANSLATE  
19 THE STORIES THAT CAME OUT OF THOSE POLITICAL DONNYBROOKS INTO  
20 LANGUAGE THAT THE AVERAGE GUY, INCLUDING MANY OF US, COULD  
21 UNDERSTAND AND MAKE SENSE OUT OF THE CONFUSION THAT WAS GOING  
22 ON, AND YOU COVERED JUST ABOUT EVERY MAJOR STORY IN LOS  
23 ANGELES IN THE LAST 40 YEARS, AND THAT'S-- THERE HAVE BEEN A  
24 FEW MAJOR STORIES IN LOS ANGELES IN THE LAST 40 YEARS, SO ALL  
25 FIVE OF US WANTED TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO YOU AT THE



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1 MARK COOGAN, AND I'LL READ THE RESOLVE PART, "THAT BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COMMEND MARK COOGAN  
3 FOR A LIFETIME OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN RADIO AND  
4 TELEVISION BROADCAST JOURNALISM AND THAT HE IS EXTENDED  
5 SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND REWARDING  
6 RETIREMENT WITH CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL FUTURE ENDEAVORS."  
7 YOU WILL MISSED IN YOUR PROFESSION AND WE HOPE YOU DON'T MAKE  
8 YOURSELF A STRANGER. CONGRATULATIONS, MARK.

9

10 **MARK COOGAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET ME JUST ADD THAT WE WANT TO  
13 CONGRATULATE YOU, MARK. WE APPRECIATE THE COVERAGE THAT YOU'VE  
14 DONE HERE. I WAS ALWAYS AMAZED WITH YOURSELF AS WELL AS GENE  
15 THE PATIENCE THAT YOU ALL HAD AND WHETHER IT WAS IN THE CITY  
16 COUNCIL MEETING OR HERE OR ANY OTHER,, THE KIND OF PATIENCE  
17 YOU HAD IN WAITING FOR A STORY TO HAPPEN. BUT WHEN IT CAME OUT  
18 IN THE PRESS, IT LOOKED SO FRESH AND GREAT AND WONDERFUL, AND  
19 I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRERD YOUR WORK. CONGRATULATIONS.

20

21 **MARK COOGAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ONE LITTLE PERSONAL  
22 OBSERVATION, TWO WEEKS AGO AT THE LAKERS PARADE, A LITTLE BOY  
23 IN FOURTH GRADE FROM RIVERSIDE CAME UP TO ME AND ASKED ME,  
24 "WHAT IS YOUR JOB LIKE?" AND I TOLD HIM, "WELL IT'S LIKE BEING  
25 IN SCHOOL, WHERE EVERY DAY IS AN ASSEMBLY OR LIKE A MOVIE, BUT



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1    THEY'RE ALL DIFFERENT. THERE ARE A LOT OF SEQUELS, BUT THERE  
2    ARE NO RERUNS." AND SO I'VE BEEN EXTREMELY FORTUNATE TO HAVE A  
3    GOOD SEAT IN THAT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FOR MANY, MANY YEARS,  
4    WATCHING LOS ANGELES EVOLVE AND TRYING TO DESCRIBE WHAT I SAW.  
5    AS FAR AS TODAY, I'M VERY, VERY GRATEFUL AND FLATTERED BY  
6    THIS. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I WISH YOU ALL THE VERY, VERY  
7    BEST. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALTHOUGH I AM NOT UP YET FIRST, I'M GOING  
10    TO ASK CHIEF BLEVINS IF HE WOULD JOIN US AS WELL AS MR.  
11    REMINGTON HERE AS WELL. AND I HOPE THAT COUNTY COUNSEL IS HERE  
12    AS WELL.

13

14    **DONALD BLEVINS:** I THINK MR. REMINGTON STEPPED OUT FOR A  
15    MINUTE.

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17    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY?

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19    **DONALD BLEVINS:** I THINK MR. REMINGTON STEPPED OUT FOR A  
20    MINUTE.

21

22    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, OKAY. WELL, WHEN HE COMES BACK IN. IT  
23    IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT TODAY BEGINS THE-- IS IT THE AUDITOR-  
24    CONTROLLER'S REVIEW OF ALL OF OUR PAYROLL?

25



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1     **DONALD BLEVINS:** YES.

2

3     **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** FUNCTIONS, OR AT LEAST THE PAYROLL  
4     ACCOUNTING? AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU HAVE-- THAT THE  
5     AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IS ASKING A SERIES OF QUESTIONS FROM  
6     EVERYTHING FROM EMPLOYEE'S NAME, AND WORK SITE, THE  
7     SUPERVISOR'S NAME AND WORK SITE AS WELL AS ISSUES OF FREQUENCY  
8     OF TELECOMMUTING AND ASKING FOR A SIGNATURE AND ASKING THE  
9     EMPLOYEE FOR A WORK PHONE NUMBER. I THINK THESE ARE ALL WITHIN  
10    THE SCOPE OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THE EMPLOYER FOR THE  
11    EMPLOYEES AND SO-- AND HOPEFULLY WE'RE GOING TO GET TO A REAL  
12    TRUE AUDIT OF ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES AND WHERE THEY'RE AT AND SO  
13    ON. IT'S A SHAME THAT WE'VE HAD TO GO THIS ROUTE, BUT AT THE  
14    SAME TIME, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
15    PROBATION OFFICERS' UNION HAS SENT OUT AN EMAIL OR SOME KIND  
16    OF AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IT IS SIGNED BY RALPH MILLER AS  
17    PRESIDENT, ASKING THEM THAT-- TELLING THEM THAT THEY'RE ONLY  
18    REQUIRED TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO-- WHAT IS  
19    THIS-- YOUR WORK SITE AND YOUR IDENTITY AND THAT'S IT, AND  
20    THAT THEY SHOULD DECLINE TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, AND I  
21    JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT AS THE EMPLOYER, WOULDN'T WE  
22    CONSIDER THIS INSUBORDINATION?

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1   **CAL REMINGTON:** IF I MAY, MADAME SUPERVISOR -- OR MADAME CHAIR,  
2   I THINK IT WAS REALLY A MISCOMMUNICATION THAT STARTED WITH THE  
3   DEPARTMENT AND --

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5   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISCOMMUNICATION IN WHAT SENSE?  
6

7   **CAL REMINGTON:** WELL, THE PEACE OFFICERS HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS  
8   UNDER THE PEACE OFFICER BILL OF RIGHTS. ONE IS YOU CAN'T HAVE  
9   YOUR LOCKERS SEARCHED, AND SO WE HAD A MANAGER LAST WEEK WHO  
10   WANTED TO SEARCH SOME LOCKERS. HE COULDN'T. THAT WAS  
11   STRAIGHTENED OUT, BUT I THINK THAT RESULTED IN UNION MEMBERS  
12   BEING NERVOUS ABOUT WHAT ALL THIS MEANT. I TALKED TO, A FEW  
13   MINUTES AGO, A STEWARD -- CHIEF STEWARD OUT AT CHALLENGER. I  
14   SHOWED HIM THE QUESTIONS, AND HE HAS NO PROBLEMS. THOSE ARE  
15   WORK SITE QUESTIONS AND THEY'RE ALLOWABLE UNDER P.O.V.A.R.,  
16   THE UNION AGREES, SO I THINK WE'RE FINE.

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18   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** HAVE YOU ASKED THE UNION TO PULL BACK THIS  
19   STATEMENT AND ISSUE A NEW ONE TO ITS EMPLOYEES?  
20

21   **CAL REMINGTON:** THE PRESIDENT IS IN BOSTON. I LEFT A MESSAGE ON  
22   HIS CELL PHONE. BUT AS I SAID, THE STEWARD FOR CHALLENGER,  
23   WHICH IS REALLY WHERE THIS AROSE, LOOKED AT THE QUESTIONS. THE  
24   UNION, I WAS TOLD, HAS NO PROBLEM, MADAME CHAIR, WITH THESE  
25   QUESTIONS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT IF, IN FACT, THESE  
3 OFFICIAL LETTERS HAVE GONE OUT TO UNION MEMBERS, WHAT ARE YOU  
4 GOING TO DO IF THEY REFUSE TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS?

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6 **CAL REMINGTON:** WELL, ULTIMATELY, IF THEY REFUSE, IT COULD BE  
7 INSUBORDINATION, BUT I DO NOT THINK THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN,  
8 MADAME CHAIR. I THINK THEY'LL CALL THEIR UNION, I THINK IT  
9 WILL BE STRAIGHTENED OUT. I DO NOT THINK IT WILL GET TO THAT  
10 POINT, BUT ULTIMATELY THEY AGREE, THESE ARE QUESTIONS THAT THE  
11 EMPLOYEE HAS TO ANSWER AND NEEDS TO ANSWER. THE ISSUE THAT  
12 THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT DOES NOT RELATE TO THESE QUESTIONS.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT, AGAIN, WE HAVE  
15 SUCH A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY TO GET THIS DEPARTMENT BACK IN  
16 ORDER. I THINK THAT THE BASIC ISSUES OF EMPLOYEE MANAGEMENT  
17 AND WE AS THE EMPLOYER, WE HAVE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. I  
18 WANT US TO BE RESPECTFUL OF UNION RULES, BUT THIS IS NOT ONE  
19 OF THEM, AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO SEND A FORMAL LETTER TO  
20 MR. MILLER CHASTISING HIM FOR THIS KIND OF EFFORT, AND I JUST  
21 DON'T THINK THIS IS APPROPRIATE. NOW GRANTED, IT WAS PROBABLY  
22 NOT APPROPRIATE FOR US TO BE GOING THROUGH INDIVIDUAL LOCKERS  
23 IF THAT'S NOT APPROPRIATE EITHER, BUT AGAIN, THIS IS NOT THE  
24 WAY WE ARE GOING TO OPERATE THIS DEPARTMENT. WE NEED TO GET TO  
25 SOME BASIC MANAGEMENT CONTROL, SINCE IT'S BEEN OUT OF CONTROL



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1 FOR YEARS, AND I THINK THAT HOPEFULLY THE UNION IS GOING TO DO  
2 WHAT THEY SAY, WHICH IS WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
3 DEPARTMENT AND WITH THIS BOARD. HOPEFULLY YOU COULD ENCOURAGE  
4 THEM TO RESCIND THIS ACTION AND TO, YOU KNOW, PREVENT THIS  
5 FROM HAPPENING AGAIN.

6

7 **CAL REMINGTON:** AND I'M CONFIDENT, SUPERVISOR, THAT THEY--

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, MAYBE WE CAN GET THE  
10 SERGEANTS TO CAUSE THOSE ON BOTH SIDES--

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CAN WE GET THE WHAT?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CAN WE GET THE SERGEANTS TO CALL ON BOTH  
15 OF THE SIDES? IT'S DIFFICULT TO HEAR AND THIS IS A PRETTY  
16 IMPORTANT DISCUSSION.

17

18 **DONALD BLEVINS:** MADAME CHAIR, WE JUST REVIEWED THE QUESTIONS  
19 THIS MORNING, SO WE WILL DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE, BUT WE THINK  
20 IT'S PERFECTLY REASONABLE FOR OUR STAFF TO ANSWER THESE  
21 QUESTIONS AND WE WILL CONTACT MR. MILLER AND ASK THAT HE  
22 RESCIND HIS LETTER.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK WE HAVE TO DO THAT. ANY OTHER  
25 QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I APPRECIATE IT.



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2     **DONALD BLEVINS:** THANK YOU.

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4     **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR  
5     ANTONOVICH.

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7     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT  
8     MOTIONS. VICTORIA MELIKAN LAIRMORE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. WAS  
9     THE AUNT OF OUR FORMER COUNTY COUNSEL, BILL PELLMAN. SHE WAS  
10    THE MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FOR CAL  
11    TECH'S J.P.L. WHERE SHE WORKED FOR 21 YEARS. AFTER RETIRING,  
12    SHE THEN FORMED TWO COMPANIES, PICKERING FUEL RESOURCES AND  
13    LIAGNETICS TO CONVERT WOOD WASTE DESTINED FOR LANDFILLS TO A  
14    CLEAN BURNING FUEL THAT EXCEEDS THE STANDARDS OF THE E.P.A..  
15    PICKERING FUEL RESOURCES WAS LATER MERGED INTO LIGNETICS.  
16    VICTORIA WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF CAL TECH'S ATHENAEUM AND THE  
17    PASADENA OPERA GUILD AND A FREQUENT DONOR TO MANY CHARITIES  
18    AND IS SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER, CHRISTOPHER, TWO NIECES  
19    AND THREE NEPHEWS. JUDGE PAUL GUTMAN, PASSED AWAY. HE WAS A  
20    GRADUATE OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE ALSO RECEIVED HIS  
21    LAW DEGREE. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, WAS APPOINTED  
22    TO THE SUPERIOR COURT BY GOVERNOR PETE WILSON AND HE SERVED AS  
23    SUPERVISING JUDGE OF THE FAMILY LAW COURT AND SUPERVISING  
24    JUDGE OF THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF  
25    40 YEARS, DIANA BAKER GUTMAN. JUDGE JACK CRICKARD WHO PASSED



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1   AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE WAS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT RONALD  
2   REAGAN, WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR, TO THE SUPERIOR COURT. HE  
3   RECEIVED HIS DEGREES AT U.C.L.A. AND HIS LAW DEGREE FROM  
4   U.S.C.. HE DEVELOPED TWO PROGRAMS WHILE ON THE BENCH: ONE TO  
5   ADDRESS THE AREAS OF CLASS ACTION AND A SECOND OFFER  
6   CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION FOR LAWYERS. AFTER HIS RETIREMENT,  
7   HE RETURNED TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW AS A PRIVATE JUDGE. CARLOS  
8   EDUARDO DOMINGUEZ PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY ON JUNE 21ST. HE  
9   IMMIGRATED FROM COLUMBIA, BECAME A CITIZEN IN 1975, WORKED FOR  
10   XEROX CORP. FOR 35 YEARS. WHEN HIS YOUNGER BROTHER HAD PASSED  
11   AWAY, HE HELPED RAISE HIS THREE NEPHEWS WITH HIS OWN THREE  
12   CHILDREN. DR. CHARLES DOMINGUEZ, ANNA AND JESSICA. HE SERVED  
13   AS A FATHER FIGURE AND MENTOR TO L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF JOSEPH  
14   DOMINGUEZ, DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY SCOTT DOMINGUEZ, AND L.A.  
15   CITY FIRE FIGHTER PARAMEDIC BRIAN DOMINGUEZ. YVETTE FIMBRES,  
16   DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
17   OF 40. GRADUATE OF CAL STATE L.A., SHE WORKED FOR THE  
18   DEPARTMENT FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS AND SHE WAS QUITE INVOLVED  
19   WITH THE CROSS COUNTRY BOOSTER CLUB AT DON BOSCO TECHNICAL  
20   INSTITUTE. SHE LIVES HER HUSBAND, BENJAMIN AND TWO CHILDREN,  
21   AND HER FATHER AND TWO SISTERS. DR. MARIE-ANTOINETTE ZRIMC,  
22   PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. SHE ENDURED THE NAZI OCCUPATION  
23   IN FRANCE AND IMMIGRATED TO ENGLAND AND THEN THE UNITED STATES  
24   WHERE SHE ULTIMATELY RECEIVED HER DOCTORATE IN LITERATURE FROM  
25   HARVARD UNIVERSITY. SHE HAD SERVED THE PAST 20 YEARS AS



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1 PROFESSOR AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES AS THE  
2 CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE.  
3 PASTOR DAVID MARTINEZ, PASTOR OF VICTORY OUTREACH CHURCH OF  
4 SAN FERNANDO, WHOSE MINISTRY IMPACTED THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS  
5 OF FORMER GANG MEMBERS, ADDICTS AND OTHERS OVER THE LAST 35  
6 YEARS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE FAITH AND THEIR DAUGHTERS  
7 DAVINA, LAYVA, AND HIS SONS JONATHAN AND MIGUEL, AND HIS  
8 SISTER AND FOUR BROTHERS. STEVE RADMKOVICH, PASSED AWAY AT THE  
9 AGE OF 59, ACTIVE MEMBER OF LOCAL 12 OPERATING ENGINEERS. HE  
10 IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER MILLIE AND BROTHER RONNIE. ROWS  
11 SAPIENZA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75. JESUS "CHUY"  
12 CONRIQUEZ, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE OF LA VERNE, SERVED IN  
13 THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR AND WORKED FOR  
14 THE POMONA WATER DEPARTMENT. AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HOLY NAME OF  
15 MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SAN DIMAS. PRESCOTT BUSH, BROTHER OF  
16 FORMER PRESIDENT, GEORGE H. W. BUSH, AN UNCLE OF GEORGE W.  
17 BUSH, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. HE SERVED IN POLITICS IN  
18 CONNECTICUT IN 1982, HAD BEEN A CANDIDATE FOR THE U.S. SENATE.  
19 HE FOUNDED THE UNITED STATES-CHINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, A  
20 NONPROFIT WHICH ENCOURAGES TRADE AND INVESTMENT BETWEEN THE  
21 TWO COUNTRIES. ROBERT CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" BLACKARD, WHO WORKED  
22 AT L.A.X., PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY AT THE AGE OF 30. MOSES  
23 "EL INDIO" ELIAS, WORKED AS AN ENGINEER FOR THE PAST 31 YEARS,  
24 WORLD WAR II VETERAN, AND MARGARET KOONTZ, PASSED AWAY AT THE



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1 AGE OF 74. SHE WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
2 DEPARTMENT. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM 13.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 13.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS THE INDIGENT LEGAL DEFENSE COSTS. IS  
11 THERE SOMEBODY FROM THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE? SO HOW DOES  
12 IT FEEL TO BE BACK ON THE OTHER SIDE?

13

14 **BOB KALUNIAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I THOUGHT I RETIRED.  
15 BOB KALUNIAN, PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S LIKE MUSICAL CHAIRS.

18

19 **JANICE MCKAE:** JANICE MCKAE, ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

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21 **JACKIE WHITE:** JACKIE WHITE, C.E.O.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE REPORT INDICATES THAT ONE REASON FOR THE  
24 COST OF OUT OF CONTROL INDIGENT DEFENSE SPENDING BY THE COURT  
25 WAS DUE TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER BEING UNAVAILABLE, YET THE





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1   AUDIT INDICATES THAT EVEN THOUGH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER WENT FROM  
2   BEING UNAVAILABLE IN 9,673 CASES IN 2008/2009, TO ZERO IN  
3   2009/2010, THE COST DECREASED BY ONLY 2 PERCENT. IT APPEARS  
4   THAT THE INCREASE IN EXTRA WITNESS COSTS AND OTHER FACTORS HAD  
5   LED TO THE RUNAWAY INCREASE IN INDIGENT DEFENSE SPENDING BY  
6   THE COURT. SINCE THERE'S A LIST OF DOCTORS AND OTHER EXPERTS,  
7   WHAT CONSTITUTES A REASON FOR THE JUDGES TO APPOINT  
8   INDIVIDUALS NOT ON THE LIST AND WHY ARE THOSE INDIVIDUALS PAID  
9   MORE THAN THOSE WHO ARE ON THE LIST?

10

11   **BOB KALUNIAN:** BOB KALUNIAN, PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE.  
12   OFTENTIMES THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS ON THE EXPERT LIST, FOR LACK  
13   OF A BETTER TERM, GENERIC ISSUES. OFTENTIMES, THERE ARE VERY  
14   SPECIALIZED ISSUES, VERY COMPLEX ISSUES RELATING TO A VERY  
15   SPECIFIC AREA OF EXPERTISE, SOMETIMES MEDICAL, SOMETIMES  
16   D.N.A., EVEN THERE IS AN EVOLVING-- EVOLVING ISSUES WITH  
17   REGARD TO FINGERPRINTS AND OTHER FORENSIC-TYPE SITUATIONS  
18   WHICH REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE A MORE SPECIALIZED  
19   EXPERTISE IN BASICALLY THE COST OF APPOINTING AN EXPERT WITH  
20   MORE EXPERTISE IT INCREASES. ALTHOUGH I AM NOT CONVINCED THAT  
21   THAT IS THE ONLY INCREASE IN THE EXPERTS' COSTS. I THINK THAT  
22   THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FACTORS THAT GO INTO THE COST OF  
23   INDIGENT DEFENSE, SUPERVISOR. EXPERTS IS ONE, AND THERE ARE A  
24   NUMBER OF TYPES OF EXPERTS. I BELIEVE DURING THAT PERIOD OF  
25   TIME, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF CAPITAL CASES THAT WERE TRIED



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1 WHICH ARE VERY RESOURCE INTENSIVE FOR THE DEFENSE AND THE  
2 PROSECUTION, AND I BELIEVE THAT MAY BE PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE  
3 FOR SOME OF INCREASE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO YOU GUARD AGAINST A JUDGE APPOINTING  
6 FRIENDS, NOT ON THE LIST, JUST TO APPOINT FRIENDS AND THEN PAY  
7 THEM MORE THAN THOSE WHO ARE ON THE LIST?

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11 **>>BOB KALUNIAN::** WITH REGARD TO EXPERTS OR LAWYERS?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EXPERTS.

14

15 **BOB KALUNIAN:** I THINK YOU HAVE TO RELY ON THE POLICING POWER  
16 OF THE SUPERVISING JUDGE OF CRIMINAL AND THE PRESIDING JUDGE  
17 OF THE LOS ANGELES SUPREME COURT. AND FRANKLY, I REALLY DON'T  
18 THINK THAT OCCURS IN THE AREA OF EXPERTS, SUPERVISOR. YEARS  
19 AGO, THAT WAS PROBABLY THE CASE WITH REGARD TO LAWYERS, BUT  
20 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SAFEGUARDS BUILT IN THE SYSTEM TO  
21 PRECLUDE THAT PRESENTLY.

22

23 **JANICE FUKAI:** I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR. JANICE  
24 FUKAI, A.P.D. IN FACT, I THINK THAT THE COURTS HAVE BEEN  
25 EXTREMELY DILIGENT IN MONITORING THE COSTS. IF ANYTHING,



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1 THEY'LL CUT THE COSTS DOWN THAT'S BEING REQUESTED, SO I THINK  
2 WE REALLY OWE A LOT TO THE COURTS FOR MONITORING THAT, AND I  
3 HAVE NOT HEARD OF THAT HAPPENING, AT LEAST FOR THE LAST FIVE  
4 OR SIX YEARS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE AVERAGE COST PER  
7 FAMILY LAW APPOINTMENT IS \$1950. WE PAY CRIMINAL LAWYERS FROM  
8 OUR PANEL SUBSTANTIALLY LESS. IS THERE AN EFFORT TO CREATE A  
9 FAMILY LAW LAWYERS-- A PANEL OF FAMILY LAW LAWYERS TO REDUCE  
10 COSTS OR CREATE A FLAT FEE THAT WE WOULD PAY THEM?

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14 **>>BOB KALUNIAN:** PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
15 ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THAT ASPECT OF FAMILY LAW. THAT'S, I  
16 BELIEVE, THE DEPENDENCY WHICH THE C.E.O. MAYBE CAN ANSWER.

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18 **JACKIE WHITE:** AND SUPERVISOR, AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE NOT LOOKED  
19 INTO THAT. IT IS ONE OF THE MANY THINGS THAT WE WILL EXPLORE  
20 IN AN EFFORT TO GET THE COST DOWN.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'LL EXPLORE THAT.

23

24 **JACKIE WHITE:** WE WILL EXPLORE THAT.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE REAL REASON FOR  
2 THESE INCREASES IN COURT EXPENDITURES, WE NEED TO REVIEW  
3 P.A.C.E, WHICH IS THE SYSTEM USED TO PAY EXPERT WITNESSES. IN  
4 MOVING THE MOTION, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE A REPORT BACK BY  
5 SEPTEMBER FROM THE P.A.C.E. SYSTEM AS TO WHICH EXPERTS ARE  
6 BEING PAID THE MOST, WHAT DOCTORS GET PAID MORE THAN THOSE ON  
7 THE APPROVED LIST OF DOCTORS, SINCE THERE ARE EXPERTS BEING  
8 USED WHO ARE NOT ON THE APPROVED LIST? WHAT IS THE TOTAL  
9 AMOUNT BEING PAID TO EXPERTS NOT ON THE LIST? HOW OFTEN ARE  
10 NUMEROUS EXPERTS ON THE SAME TYPE APPOINTED TO THE SAME CASE?  
11 IN OTHER WORDS, HOW OFTEN ARE THERE MORE THAN TWO  
12 PSYCHOLOGISTS APPOINTED TO THE SAME CASE, AND THE THIRD POINT,  
13 WOULD IT BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE IF PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS WERE  
14 PAID ON WORK PERFORMED RATHER THAN HOURS WORKED SUCH AS A  
15 FIXED RATE FOR SERVING SUBPOENAS, INTERVIEWING WITNESSES  
16 RATHER THAN HOURS WORKED? SO WE CAN HAVE THAT AS A REPORT BACK  
17 AS WE APPROVE THE ITEM 13.

18  
19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A QUICK POINT, MADAME CHAIR, AND HELP  
22 ME IF I'M INCORRECT IN MY UNDERSTANDING. WHAT'S REALLY AT  
23 STAKE HERE IS THE PURPOSE FOR OUR HAVING THESE TWO PIECES OF  
24 THE JUDICIAL PROCESS IN PLACE, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE  
25 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND IF, IN FACT, THESE RESOURCES ARE



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1 NOT IN PLACE, AND I CERTAINLY DON'T INTEND THESE REMARKS TO IN  
2 ANY WAY DETRACT FROM THE THRUST OF WHAT MR. ANTONOVICH IS  
3 RAISING, BUT NOT TO DO THIS LIMITS THE ABILITY TO PROPERLY  
4 REPRESENT AND/OR DEFEND THOSE CLIENTS. THAT'S THE CORE ISSUE,  
5 IS IT NOT? OR AM I MISSING SOMETHING HERE?

6

7 **BOB KALUNIAN:** I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR. WE BELIEVE  
8 THAT THE COURT IS IN THE BEST POSITION TO MAKE A DETERMINATION  
9 WHETHER AN EXPERT IS APPROPRIATE OR NOT, AND GENERALLY  
10 SPEAKING, GOOD CAUSE HAS TO BE SHOWN BY THE MOVING PARTY TO  
11 GET THE EXPERT APPOINTED FROM THE DEFENSE STANDPOINT, AND YOU  
12 RAISE AN INTERESTING POINT IN THE SENSE THAT THE PROSECUTION  
13 HAS UNLIMITED RESOURCES AND DOESN'T GO TO THE COURT TO GET  
14 THEIR EXPERTS. THEY HAVE THE FULL FORCE AND EFFECT OF LAW  
15 ENFORCEMENT ALL THE WAY UP TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WHEN THEY  
16 NEED IT. SO I THINK THAT WE ARE ALWAYS STRUGGLING FOR AN EVEN  
17 PLAYING FIELD IN REGARDS TO EXPERTS.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S A FUNDAMENTAL FEATURE OF DEMOCRACY,  
20 AS I SEE IT, AND I THINK THAT SHOULD BE UNDERScoreD AND WE  
21 SHOULDN'T LOSE SIGHT OF IT. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE HAVE A MOTION AND SECONDED.  
24 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? MIKE?

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST THE ITEM ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK WITH  
2   THOSE POINTS RELATIVE TO C.E.O. WORKING ON FLAT FEE FOR  
3   CONTRACTS AND THE -- WHAT EXPERTS ARE BEING PAID THE MOST,  
4   WHAT DOCTORS GET PAID MORE THAN THOSE ON THE APPROVED LIST OF  
5   DOCTORS SINCE THEIR EXPERTS ARE ALREADY BEING USED NOT ON THE  
6   APPROVED LIST. WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT BEING PAID TO EXPERTS  
7   NOT ON THE LIST? HOW MUCH ARE NUMEROUS EXPERTS OF THE SAME  
8   TYPE APPOINTED TO THE SAME CASE? IN OTHER WORDS, HOW OFTEN ARE  
9   THERE MORE THAN TWO PSYCHOLOGISTS APPOINTED TO THE SAME CASE?  
10   WOULD IT BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE IF PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS ARE  
11   PAID ON WORK PERFORMED RATHER THAN HOURS PERFORMED, SUCH AS  
12   FIXED RATE FOR SERVING SUBPOENAS, INTERVIEWING WITNESSES,  
13   RATHER THAN HOURS WORKED?

14

15   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM AND  
16   WITH THE AMENDMENT. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

17

18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM 15, ON THE PARK, WE HAD GOTTEN-- I  
19   GUESS IT WAS LAST WEEK OR THE WEEK BEFORE THAT THEY'RE GOING  
20   TO CLOSE THE GRAND AVENUE ENTRY LEVEL AND THEY'RE GOING TO PUT  
21   LIMITATIONS ON THE HILL STREET--

22

23   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. COULD WE HAVE IT QUIET ON THIS  
24   SIDE SO WE CAN HEAR? THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEY'RE GOING TO PUT LIMITATIONS ON THE  
2   HILL STREET EXITING AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSIONS  
3   RELATIVE TO REMOVING THE MEDIAN SO THAT WE COULD DO LEFT TURNS  
4   ON HILL, BUT THE CITY HAD OBJECTED TO THAT, AND I'D ASKED THE  
5   C.E.O. AND THE SHERIFF IF THEY HAD BEEN CONSULTED AND THE  
6   SHERIFF HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED. THEY WERE TOLD AND THEIR  
7   UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THEY COULD REMOVE THE MEDIAN TO  
8   ACCELERATE THE LEFT TURN, AND, I JUST-- WE NEED TO BE  
9   SENSITIVE THAT THE ABILITY OF PEOPLE EXITING FROM THIS ONE  
10   LOCATION ALLOWS YOU TO TURN LEFT AND THAT MEANS CHANGING THE  
11   MEDIAN, IF YOU CAN DO THAT, AND ALSO THAT WE NEED TO ENSURE  
12   THAT WE HAVE TRAFFIC OFFICERS EITHER FROM THE CITY OR THE  
13   COUNTY, THEY'RE OUT THERE BECAUSE ONE OF THE ISSUES RAISED  
14   WAS, WELL, YOU HAVE PEDESTRIANS ISSUE. WELL, THAT'S TRUE, WE  
15   HAVE A PEDESTRIAN ISSUE, BUT WE ALSO HAVE THE ABILITY TO  
16   PROTECT THE PEDESTRIANS FROM THOSE EXITING CARS, SO WHAT IS--

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18   **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, WE DO PLAN TO HAVE TRAFFIC OFFICERS  
19   DEPLOYED AT THE INTERSECTION OF FIRST AND HILL, AND I WANT TO  
20   REMIND YOU THAT THE RIGHT TURN ONTO FIRST WILL ONLY BE  
21   RESTRICTED DURING CERTAIN HOURS OF THE DAY. I THINK IT'S JUST  
22   ONE HOUR FROM 4:30 TO 5:30 IN THE EVENING.

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24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW, BUT 4:30 TO 5:30 IS WHEN THE  
25   BUILDING--





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2 **SPEAKER:** IT'S THE PEAK HOURS.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S THE PEAK HOURS, SO IT'S NOT LIKE  
5 DURING THE NON PEAK HOURS. THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

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7 **SPEAKER:** MOST OF THE PURPOSE, AS FAR AS L.A.P.D. HAS BEEN ABLE  
8 TO ARTICULATE TO US, WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM FOR ABOUT  
9 SIX MONTHS AND THEY HAVE THE JURISDICTION FOR \_\_\_\_\_ IN THIS  
10 AREA.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAYBE THE WORST OPERATING AGENCY. I MEAN IT'S  
13 AN OXYMORON FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THEY CAN'T EVEN PUT  
14 IN LEFT TURN ARROWS, RIGHT TURN ARROWS DOWNTOWN. THEY FAILED  
15 TO PROVIDE THE ABILITY FOR PEOPLE TO EXIT ON GRAND UNTIL WE  
16 WERE ABLE TO PUT OUR COUNTY'S LEASE TO ALLOW THE PEOPLE TO  
17 EXIT BECAUSE OUR MEMBERS WERE BEING ASPHYXIATED BY CARBON  
18 MONOXIDE TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE DARN TUNNEL AT 5 O'CLOCK.  
19 AND SINCE WE'VE HAD OFFICERS OUT THERE, IT'S EASIER TO GET  
20 OUT, BUT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THAT SAME PROBLEM ON HILL STREET,  
21 AND IT'S GOING TO BE WORSE.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** SO THE ASPHYXIATION IS ONE PROBLEM WE WERE TRYING TO  
24 AVOID. D.O.T. BELIEVED THAT ALLOWING PEOPLE TO TURN RIGHT ON  
25 FIRST DURING THAT PEAK HOUR, AND ALSO IF WE HAD REMOVED THE



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1 MEDIAN AND ALLOWED THE LEFT TURN OUT ON HILL, THAT THAT WOULD  
2 HAVE BACKED UP THE TRAFFIC INTO OUR GARAGE, AND SO WE HAVE  
3 WHAT WE THINK IS THE BEST PLAN WORKABLE RIGHT NOW. WE'RE GOING  
4 TO TRY IT AND ADJUST IF NECESSARY. WE WILL HAVE TRAFFIC  
5 OFFICERS DEPLOYED AND WE'RE GOING TO ALLOW PEOPLE  
6 PRELIMINARILY, EVEN IN ADVANCE OF THE CONSTRUCTION BEGINNING  
7 TO EXIT FROM OUR GARAGE OUT OF THE MUSIC CENTER EMPLOYEE  
8 ENTRANCE ONTO GRANT TO PARTIALLY MITIGATE THAT PROBLEM AS  
9 WELL.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY CONCERN IS THE SHERIFF, COUNTY POLICE WERE  
12 NOT CONSULTED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITY OF LOS  
13 ANGELES AND THEY ARE THE ONES WHO ARE TRAINED IN SAFETY VERSUS  
14 THE C.E.O..

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S A GOOD POINT. WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN GET THEM  
17 INVOLVED.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM ENGAGED SO THAT  
20 WHAT WE APPROVE IS GOING TO HAVE THEIR CONCURRENCE, AND IF IT  
21 MEANS MOVING THE MEDIAN, THEN WE HAVE TO DO THAT, BUT WE HAVE  
22 TO BE THINKING OF OUR EMPLOYEES AND THEIR ABILITY TO GET OUT  
23 SAFELY.

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** I APPRECIATE THAT. WE'LL DO THAT. WE'LL ENGAGE THE  
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RIGHT AWAY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHEN WILL THIS CLOSURE BEGIN?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THE CLOSURE IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN A WEEK FROM MONDAY  
7 ON JULY 12TH.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW ARE YOU GOING TO BE MEETING TO MAKE  
10 ANY ADDITIONAL CHANGES BETWEEN NOW AND JULY 12TH, WHICH IS,  
11 WHAT, TWO WEEKS AWAY?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WE'LL TALK TO THEM RIGHT AWAY, AND IF WE BELIEVE  
14 THERE IS SOMETHING ADDITIONALLY WE COULD DO AND WE COULD GET  
15 D.O.T.'S CONCURRENCE, THEN WE WILL WORK ON THAT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE YOU CONSIDERED TRYING A ONE-WEEK DRY RUN  
18 TO SEE HOW IT WOULD OPERATE IF IT WAS GOING TO GO IN ALL YEAR?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** WE DID, AND WE THOUGHT THAT THAT MIGHT CREATE MORE  
21 CONFUSION THAN JUST PROCEEDING WITH THE PLAN, SO WHAT WE HAVE  
22 DONE IS TO DO A PARTIAL DRY RUN BY ALLOWING EMPLOYEES TO BEGIN  
23 EXITING STARTING ON THURSDAY FROM THE MUSIC CENTER AND ALSO WE  
24 HAVE BEEN NOTICING THIS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, WE'VE HAD MANY  
25 MEETINGS AND PUT UP ALL SORTS OF SIGNS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT



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1 IT'S GOING TO BE A DISRUPTION FOR THE PEOPLE WHO PARK IN THIS  
2 BUILDING AND WE'VE TRIED TO MITIGATE THAT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.  
3 WHILE IT IS BEING DEPLOYED, WE'LL KEEP AN EYE ON IT AND SEE IF  
4 THERE ARE ANY ADDITIONAL MITIGATION MEASURES WE CAN TAKE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROBLEM I'M HAVING IS YOU HAVEN'T ENGAGED  
7 THE EXPERTS IN TRYING TO EXIT THESE FACILITIES FROM THOSE WHO  
8 ARE TRAINED INTO SAFETY AND TRAFFIC AND THAT'S THE SHERIFF'S  
9 DEPARTMENT, SO YOU HAVE A GROUP OF PEOPLE ON A-- WE THINK IT  
10 WILL WORK, WE HOPE IT WILL WORK, THEY'RE GOING TO DO THIS OR  
11 THAT, AND THEY'RE REALLY NOT THE EXPERTS.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WE'LL ENGAGE THEM TODAY, AND IF THEY RECOMMEND ANY  
14 ADDITIONAL MEASURES, WE WILL GET BACK TO YOU RIGHT AWAY.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE YOU CONSIDERED STAGGERING WORK HOURS FOR  
17 COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO AVOID CONGESTION?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** WE'RE LEAVING THAT UP TO EACH DEPARTMENT IN THE  
20 BUILDING. WE EXPECT THAT THAT MAY HAPPEN NATURALLY SOMEWHAT  
21 SINCE EVERYBODY KNOWS THERE'S GOING TO BE THAT PEAK HOUR, IT'S  
22 GOING TO BE A LITTLE BIT MORE DIFFICULT TO GET OUT.

23



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALONG WITH AN OFFICER BEING ASSIGNED ON FIRST  
2   AND HILL, ARE YOU LOOKING AT HAVING AN OFFICER AT THE EXIT ON  
3   HILL STREET?

4

5   **SPEAKER:** WE CAN LOOK INTO THAT. I'M NOT SURE.

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MEAN, THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO NEED--  
8   YOU KNOW, THIS IS REALLY-- YOU REMIND ME OF A GROUP OF  
9   ENGINEERS WHO DESIGNED THE BEST DESIGNED AUTOMOBILE IN  
10   AMERICAN HISTORY AND IT WAS GOING TO REALLY SURPASS ALL  
11   ENGINEERING SKILLS AND THAT WAS THE EDESEL, AND THIS SOUNDS  
12   LIKE AN EDESEL. SOMEHOW YOU SHOULD HAVE A DRY RUN. SOMEHOW YOU  
13   SHOULD BE CONSULTING THE TRAFFIC EXPERTS, SAFETY EXPERTS, AND  
14   DURING OUR PEAK HOURS, WITH ALL OF THOSE EMPLOYEES GOING OUT,  
15   IT'S CRAZY.

16

17   **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH EXPERTS, AND I  
18   KNOW WE'RE NOT ACKNOWLEDGING L.A.D.O.T. AS EXPERTS. I THINK  
19   MANY OTHER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THOSE CONVERSATIONS.  
20   WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR SIX MONTHS, WE KNOW THAT IT IS  
21   GOING TO CAUSE SOME INCONVENIENCE, BUT WE FEEL THAT WE'VE PUT  
22   IN APPROPRIATE MITIGATION MEASURES. WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE  
23   INCONVENIENCE. THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME INEVITABLE  
24   INCONVENIENCE WHEN YOU CLOSE ONE OF THE TWO EXITS OUT OF A



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1 PARKING STRUCTURE, AND WE WILL KEEP AN EYE ON IT AND REPORT  
2 BACK TO YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, BUT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING SIX MONTHS  
5 WITHOUT CONSULTING THE TRAFFIC SAFETY PEOPLE. YOU'VE BEEN  
6 WORKING SIX MONTHS WITHIN YOUR OWN DEPARTMENT AND IT'S-- IT  
7 LOOKS LIKE AN EDSSEL.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ONE OF THE MOST  
10 EXCITING THINGS IS GOING TO BE HAPPENING HERE IN OUR OWN  
11 COMMUNITY AND OUR OWN LITTLE CIVIC DOWNTOWN, IS THE BEGINNING  
12 OF OUR OWN CIVIC PARK, CREATING AN UNBELIEVABLE GREEN SPACE.  
13 AND LIKE ANY KIND OF IMPROVEMENT THAT YOU MAKE IN ANY  
14 NEIGHBORHOOD, IN ANY COMMUNITY, THERE'S AN INCONVENIENCE  
15 BEFORE YOU BEGIN. I HAVE BEEN TRAVELING ON WHAT THE ROYAL SECO  
16 PARKWAY OR WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO NAME IT THE HISTORIC ROYAL  
17 SECO THAT HAS BEEN UNDER RENOVATION OR RECONSTRUCTION FOR THE  
18 LAST YEAR, AND SO ON-RAMPS ARE CLOSED OCCASIONALLY, AND SO ON,  
19 AND SO WE HAVE TO JUST CHANGE OUR TRAFFIC PATTERN, BUT I'VE  
20 BEEN SO IMPRESSED WITH THE WORK THAT THEY'VE BEEN DOING. I  
21 THINK THAT IS TRUE ACROSS THE BOARD. THIS IS GOING TO CREATE A  
22 SLIGHT INCONVENIENCE FOR SOME OF OUR EMPLOYEES, BUT WE'VE  
23 ACCOMMODATED ALL OF THOSE ISSUES. WE DID WORK WITH EXPERTS. IT  
24 IS GOING TO BE AN INCONVENIENT FOR THAT PERSON THAT WAS VERY  
25 ACCUSTOMED TO GOING IN ONE DIRECTION. THEY'RE JUST GOING TO



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1 CHANGE THEIR PATTERN. BUT WE ARE ON HILL, THEY'LL BE MAKING  
2 THEIR RIGHT TURNS AND THE SAME THING COMING OUT OF HERE -- OUT  
3 OF THE GRAND AVENUE EXIT AS WELL, BUT WE THINK THAT IF  
4 EVERYTHING IS GONE AS PLANNED, OUR PARK IS GOING TO GET  
5 STARTED, IT HAS THE \$50 MILLION THAT WE RECEIVE FROM THE GRAND  
6 AVENUE PROJECT. WE ARE RECEIVING ADDITIONAL \$5 MILLION IN  
7 INTEREST FOR THOSE DOLLARS. THE PROJECT IS GOING TO BE  
8 EXCITING, IT'S GOING TO RENOVATE THE ENTIRE AREA, AND SO IT  
9 WILL BE A LITTLE BIT OF INCONVENIENCE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME,  
10 BUT WE HOPE THAT ALL THE EMPLOYEES WILL BE APPRECIATIVE AND  
11 UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE IN THE LONG RUN AT THE END OF IT, WE'RE  
12 GOING TO HAVE AN OUTSTANDING CIVIC PARK HERE IN OUR OWN  
13 NEIGHBORHOOD AND OUR OWN COMMUNITY, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO  
14 MAKING IT AS HOPEFULLY NOT ANY KIND OF BURDEN ON EMPLOYEES BUT  
15 WE'LL MONITOR IT ALONG THE WAY. WE'RE VERY EXCITED THAT WE'RE  
16 GOING TO BE ABLE TO KICK THIS OFF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT'S  
17 SOMETHING THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY CONCERN IS NOT THE PARK, IT'S JUST IF THEY  
20 CAN ADJUST SOME OF THE TIMES SO THAT PEAK HOURS--

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, THAT'S GOING TO BE LEFT UP TO THE  
23 EMPLOYERS HERE, THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, AS TO HOW THEY DETERMINE  
24 THAT FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WITH TWO WEEKS AWAY--

2

3    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO. THEY HAVE KNOWN FOR A LONG PERIOD OF  
4    TIME. THIS HAS BEEN IN THE PLANS FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.  
5    THIS DIDN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT.

6

7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. BUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT MOVING THAT  
8    MEDIAN SO YOU CAN TURN LEFT--

9

10   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO. THE MEDIAN WAS NEVER PART OF THE-- I  
11   MEAN, YOU MAY HAVE MADE THAT REQUEST. I WAS DISTRESSED SIX  
12   YEARS AGO WHEN MAYOR RIORDAN PUT IN THE MEDIAN BECAUSE I KNEW  
13   THE WORK THAT WE WERE DOING HERE, BUT THE REALITY IS THAT THAT  
14   MEDIAN IS NOT GOING TO BE MOVED.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IT COULD BE MOVED.

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18   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT IT IS NOT GOING TO BE.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE CITY COULD.

21

22   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN, BUT THIS ONE IS NOT  
23   GOING TO.

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN YOU HAVE PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES  
2   EXITING HERE.

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4   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES HAVE NO PROBLEM,  
5   THEY DRIVE RIGHT UP ONTO THAT THING ALL DAY LONG. THEY'RE NOT  
6   SUPPOSED TO BE THERE BUT THEY ARE.

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE POLICE STATION IS HOUSED IN THIS  
9   BUILDING, THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, AND THEN YOU HAVE THE  
10   JUDGES THAT ARE HOUSED IN THIS BUILDING.

11

12   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MICHAEL, THERE WILL BE A LITTLE  
13   INCONVENIENCE, BUT IN THE LONG RUN, WE'LL HAVE A BEAUTIFUL  
14   PARK.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAJOR, MAJOR INCONVENIENCE. IT'S AN EDESEL.  
17   NOT THE PARK, BUT THE TRAFFIC PATTERN.

18

19   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SORRY ABOUT THE INCONVENIENCE.

20

21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF I CAN JUST ADD, WHAT MISS CULP SAID A  
22   MINUTE AGO IS THE KEY, IS ONCE IT GETS GOING, MONITOR IT  
23   CLOSELY AND SEE WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO FIX WHATEVER  
24   UNANTICIPATED PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN. JUST CAN'T ANTICIPATE  
25   EVERYTHING, AND BUT YOU'VE GOT TO BE ON TOP OF IT THE MINUTE



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1 IT STARTS SO THAT YOU CAN TWEAK IT, AND IF YOU NEED HELP WITH  
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THERE'S SOME OF US WHO COULD  
3 HELP YOU THERE. THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE GOOD FOR THEM IF IT'S  
4 A TOTAL SCREW-UP EITHER, SO I THINK WE'RE UNDERGOING A PROJECT  
5 NOW IN WEST LOS ANGELES WHICH MAKES THIS LOOK LIKE A WALK IN  
6 THE PARK. THAT'S THE 405 PROJECT, WHERE THE BRIDGE ACROSS THE  
7 405 ON SUNSET IS HALF CLOSED. IT'S BEING TORN DOWN, AND  
8 EVERYBODY WAS PANIC STRICKEN ABOUT IT AND ALL THE AGENCIES DID  
9 EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO ANTICIPATE, MADE SOME TWEAKS AFTER IT  
10 STARTED, AND NOW IT'S A NON-EVENT, WHICH IS JUST THE WAY WE  
11 WANT IT, SO I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP AN EYE ON,  
12 IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO MAKE IT A NON-EVENT AS IT GOES ON.  
13 IT'S A WORK IN PROGRESS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US.  
16 MOVED BY MYSELF. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IS THERE  
17 ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 29.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 29. ALL RIGHT. YES, MR. SACHS, YOU'RE  
22 COMING RIGHT UP. YOU'RE THE ONE THAT HELD THIS ITEM. AND WHILE  
23 YOU'RE HERE, ALSO ADDRESS THE ISSUES ON 1-D, 1-P, 8, 41, 42,  
24 AND 50.

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING. I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU MISSED  
2   ME AS MUCH AS I MISSED YOU. APPLES, ORANGES AND WATERMELONS,  
3   BY THE WAY. THIS IS ITEM 29, AND IT RELATES TO A PROJECT IN  
4   PASADENA, THE LAKES, AND I WAS JUST WONDERING, M.T.A. IS  
5   CONTRIBUTING OVER \$600,000, THE COUNTY'S GOING TO CONTRIBUTE  
6   \$160,000 AND PASADENA, THE CITY OF PASADENA, APPROXIMATELY  
7   \$230,000. SO I WAS WONDERING WHO ACTUALLY HAS OVERSIGHT OVER  
8   THE PROJECT? WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE IN CASE THERE'S ANY COST  
9   OVERRUNS, AND THE AUTHORITY, WHO BASICALLY TIES IT IN, BECAUSE  
10   WE JUST KIND OF HEARD ABOUT L.A.D.O.T. AND HOW DYSFUNCTIONAL  
11   THAT IS, NOT THAT M.T.A. HAS READ A PRIMER ON THAT BOOK, BUT  
12   THAT IS MY QUESTION, WHO WOULD HAVE THE OVERSIGHT? WHO'S IN  
13   CHARGE OF IT?

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PUBLIC WORKS.

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17   **ARNOLD SACHS:** PUBLIC WORKS. SO IT'S A COUNTY PROJECT, EVEN  
18   THOUGH M.T.A. IS CONTRIBUTING 600,000. THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM IS  
19   1-D, AND I HELD 1-D FOR TWO REASONS. A, THE CHANGE ORDERS NOT  
20   TO EXCEED \$274,000, AND BECAUSE I COMPARED THAT TO ITEMS 1-H,  
21   2-H, 3-H, AND 4-H, AND THEY ALSO HAVE CHANGE ORDER CAVEATS. 1-  
22   H IS NOT TO EXCEED 75,000, 2-H NOT TO EXCEED 56,000, 3-H NOT  
23   TO EXCEED 36,000 AND 4-H IS NOT TO EXCEED 41,000, SO I WAS  
24   JUST WONDERING HOW THE BENCHMARKS FOR THESE CHANGE ORDERS, AND  
25   CONSIDERING THIS IS THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LENNOX WHERE I



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1 DON'T WANT TO SAY IS UNDERREPRESENTED, BUT MAYBE NOT BE AS  
2 POLITICALLY EDUCATED AS THE OTHER AREAS. HOW ARE THESE  
3 BENCHMARKS CONSIDERED? I DO RECALL THAT MANHATTAN BEACH, WHEN  
4 THEY HAD A BOND ISSUE, THE CHANGE ORDERS ATE UP \$15 MILLION,  
5 AND THAT TRANSLATED INTO ANOTHER BUILDING THAT WASN'T BUILT.  
6 SO BASICALLY THAT WAS MY QUESTION, HOW THE BENCHMARK FOR THESE  
7 PROJECTS IS CONSIDERED REGARDING THE CHANGE ORDERS. 1-P. THERE  
8 WAS A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO REGARDING THE  
9 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AND THE AMOUNT  
10 OF MONEY AVAILABLE THERE. THIS IS EXCESS FUNDS, SO I WAS  
11 WONDERING, JUST THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE EXCESS FUNDS AND  
12 THE DISCRETIONARY FUNDS. THIS TOTALS OUT TO ABOUT \$12 MILLION  
13 PER DISTRICT IN EXCESS FUNDS, WHICH IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED, I  
14 GUESS, WITH DISCRETIONARY FUNDS. SO BETWEEN THE TWO, I WAS  
15 WONDERING WHAT THE TOTAL PER DISTRICT WOULD BE FOR EACH  
16 SUPERVISOR. I'M SORRY, MADAME CHAIR, WHAT OTHER ITEMS?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW. DID YOU DO 41, 42 OR 50 YET?

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 41, NO. THE BUS BENCHES. 41 RELATES TO BUS  
21 BENCHES. AND THE FACT THAT THIS ADVERTISER IS CHARGED WITH  
22 OVERSEEING THE CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR INCORPORATED, MAINTENANCE  
23 OF THESE ADVERTISED BUS SHELTERS. SO WHO GETS THE MONEY ON  
24 THAT? IF YOU'RE AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING, WHO WOULD GETS THE  
25 MONEY? THIS WOULD GO BACK TO THE COUNTY OR GO TO THE M.T.A?



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1 THAT'S POINT NUMBER ONE. POINT NUMBER TWO, WITH THE M.T.A.  
2 MAKING SERVICE CHANGES, WHEN SERVICE IS REMOVED AND A BUS  
3 BENCH IS AT A STOP THAT'S NO LONGER IN USE, WHO MOVES THE BUS  
4 BENCH AND WHO BRINGS BUS BENCHES TO SERVICE AREAS THAT ARE  
5 OVERUSED? THAT WOULD BE THAT ONE. ITEM 42 REFERS TO A CONTRACT  
6 AUTHORIZATION BETWEEN THE M.T.A. INTELLIGENT TRANSIT SYSTEM  
7 AND BERKELEY'S PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. SO I WAS  
8 WONDERING, IN AN INTELLIGENT TRANSIT SYSTEM, WOULDN'T  
9 PERFORMANCE BE PART OF THAT TRANSIT SYSTEM AND CONVERSELY, IN  
10 A PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, WOULDN'T YOU WANT ONE THAT'S  
11 INTELLIGENT? SO WHY WOULD YOU NEED TO HAVE TWO DIFFERENT  
12 SYSTEMS AND WORK THEM TOGETHER? AND THEN ITEM NUMBER 50, THIS  
13 IS A LANDSCAPING BID, AND JUST A QUESTION REGARDING SINCE YOU  
14 ARE SO PRONE TO SUB OUT MAINTENANCE FOR THESE LANDSCAPING  
15 BIDS, WHY DON'T YOU INCLUDE THE COST OF MAINTENANCE IN THE BID  
16 FOR THE LANDSCAPING SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO SUB IT OUT. THANK YOU  
17 FOR YOUR TIME, ANSWERS--

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AND ATTENTION.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE ITEMS, 1-D, 1-P, 8, 29, 41, 42  
24 AND 50, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF  
25 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON THOSE ITEMS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 2.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A LOT OF SPEAKERS ON A NUMBER OF  
5 ITEMS. I THINK 2, 5 AND 6 ARE ALL OF THE PROBATION ITEMS. DO  
6 YOU MIND IF WE TAKE THEM ALL TOGETHER? DO YOU WANT TO LISTEN  
7 TO THE SPEAKERS FIRST? OR DID YOU WANT TO--

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE CAN DO THEM ALL AT THE SAME TIME.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO THEM ALL AT THE SAME TIME.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES. DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING FIRST?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, ON ITEM 2, THERE'S BEEN-- WITH THE  
18 AUDIT AND ALL OF THE REPORTS COMING OUT ON THE PROBATION  
19 DEPARTMENT, WE JUST HEARD FROM OUR DIRECTOR RELATIVE TO WHAT  
20 IS GOING ON, I REALLY BELIEVE THERE OUGHT TO BE-- THE PREVIOUS  
21 TWO DIRECTORS OF PROBATION OUGHT TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN  
22 EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION OR PUBLIC SESSION TO EXPLAIN HOW SOME  
23 OF THESE INSTANCES OCCURRED WHERE PEOPLE WHO WERE CONVICTED OF  
24 SERIOUS CRIMES WERE EXCUSED OR THOSE CRIMES WERE IGNORED AND  
25 THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE ANY TYPE OF ACTION BROUGHT





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1 AGAINST THEM. AND WE'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THE STATUTE OF  
2 LIMITATIONS HAS RUN OUT ON SOME, BUT AGAIN, UNDER CIVIL  
3 PROCEEDINGS, YOU DON'T HAVE A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. I REALLY  
4 BELIEVE WE NEED TO GET A HANDLE ON THIS. THE NEW DIRECTOR IS  
5 FOLLOWING UP ON THE AUDIT AND THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN  
6 RAISED IS RELATIVE TO GHOST EMPLOYEES AND OTHERS AND WHAT THE  
7 MOTION IS CALLING FOR A DISCIPLINE AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR  
8 THOSE INDIVIDUALS SO WE KNOW WHO HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE IN  
9 MANAGEMENT OR WHEREVER THAT ALLOWED THESE TYPES OF ISSUES TO  
10 FESTER TO THE POINT THAT THIS ABUSE OCCURRED. SO THAT'S WHAT  
11 MY ITEM THAT WAS CO-AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE WAS CALLING  
12 FOR, THAT INVESTIGATION, DISCIPLINE AND ACCOUNTABILITY. WE  
13 NEED A COMPREHENSIVE, YOU KNOW, REVIEW. THE DEPARTMENT,  
14 CONCERNED ABOUT THE ALLEGED ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF  
15 MINORS, RECIDIVISM, ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTHCARE, INTERETHNIC  
16 CONFLICT, ILLEGAL ACTIONS BY STAFF AND THE ABSENTEEISM OF  
17 TEACHERS, AND AGAIN, WE HAVE SOME SEVERE CRITICISMS OF SOME OF  
18 THE EDUCATORS WHO ARE IN THE CAMPS WHO ARE NOT EDUCATING AND  
19 ARE PART OF THE PROBLEM AND WE HAVE SOME FINE EDUCATORS IN THE  
20 CAMP WHO ARE DOING A SUPERB JOB IN TRYING TO MOTIVATE AND HELP  
21 THESE KIDS, BUT WHEN THE D.O.J. CAME INTO OUR HALLS AND NOW  
22 INTO OUR CAMPS, THEY SIMPLY IDENTIFY THE PROBLEMS AND WE HAVE  
23 TO IDENTIFY THE SOLUTIONS BY WAY OF AN ACTION PLAN, AND HERE  
24 WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE PROBLEMS AND CHIEF BLEVINS IS  
25 DEVELOPING THAT ACTION PLAN. BUT THIS PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE ON



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1 ITEM 2 IS A VERY IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO  
2 ACHIEVE IN FINDING OUT WHAT WENT WRONG AND HOLDING THOSE  
3 RESPONSIBLE WHO MADE IT GO WRONG, AND ALSO I'D LIKE TO HAVE  
4 OUR FORMER C.E.O., C.A.O. COME IN, WHO WAS OVERSEEING A LOT OF  
5 THIS, AND FIND OUT WHY THIS OCCURRED.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A GROUP OF SPEAKERS  
8 THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS. COULD WE HAVE ANDREA GORDON  
9 JOIN US, WENDY RAMALLO, ESTHER LOFTON AND RANDY BRISSETTE.  
10 MISS GORDON, DO YOU WANT TO BEGIN?

11

12 **ANDREA GORDON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS ANDREA GORDON  
13 AND I'M PRESIDENT OF THE PROFESSIONAL MANAGERS ASSOCIATION.  
14 THAT IS THE UNION LOCAL THAT REPRESENTS THE PROBATION  
15 DIRECTORS IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I JUST WANTED TO SAY  
16 THAT WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT FINALLY SOME OF THESE ISSUES  
17 THAT WE'VE BEEN BRINGING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT  
18 AND OTHERS FOR YEARS ARE FINALLY BEING ADDRESSED. SOME OF  
19 THESE CONCERNS AND THESE ISSUES ARE WHAT PROMPTED THE LINE  
20 LEVEL MANAGERS IN THE DEPARTMENT TO FORM A BARGAINING UNIT.  
21 WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE CONCERNS, THE ISSUES, THE PROBLEMS AND  
22 HAVE BEEN BRINGING THEM FORWARD AND SAW NOTHING HAPPENED FOR  
23 YEARS. IT WAS VERY FRUSTRATING FOR THE MANY, MANY PEOPLE IN  
24 THIS DEPARTMENT WHO WORKED SO VERY HARD TO ALWAYS TRY TO DO  
25 THE RIGHT THING. WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE LEADERSHIP IN



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1 OUR DEPARTMENT IS NOW WILLING TO WORK JOINTLY WITH US AS I'M  
2 TOLD IN A JOINT MANAGEMENT LABOR COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO  
3 ADDRESS THE WORK THAT WE'VE ALREADY STARTED, AND I'M HOPING  
4 THAT THE COUNTY AND THE SUPERVISORS HERE WILL CONTINUE THAT  
5 PROCESS AS WELL. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WENDY?

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9 **WENDY RAMALLO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS WENDY RAMALLO. I HELD  
10 BOTH ITEMS 5 AND 8 AND I HAVE SEPARATE STATEMENTS FOR EACH  
11 ITEM. I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY'RE RELATED IN THE PROBLEMS, THAT  
12 ARE BEING ADDRESSED ARE RELATED. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT  
13 THOSE TWO ITEMS BEFORE YOU, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ADD AT THE  
14 OUTSET AND SPECIFICALLY, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THAT I ALSO  
15 SUPPORT YOUR CALL TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COME BACK  
16 IN IN A MORE COMPREHENSIVE MANNER TO ASSIST THIS COUNTY IN  
17 ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS THAT EXIST IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
18 PROBATION. FIVE YEARS AGO, I SERVED AS THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
19 TO THE CHIEF DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER. WHAT I WITNESSED IN SIX  
20 MONTHS THAT I SERVED WAS COMPLETE MANAGERIAL DYSFUNCTION,  
21 INCOMPETENCE, SYSTEMATIC CHAOS THAT RESULTED IN CONTINUOUS  
22 HARM TO OUR CHILDREN, THAT EVEN INCLUDED DEATH. I WALKED AWAY  
23 FROM THAT JOB HAVING BEEN REPEATEDLY MALIGNED, MARGINALIZED,  
24 HARASSED AND EVEN THREATENED BY THOSE WHO THOUGHT IT WAS THEIR  
25 JOB TO COLLECT A PAYCHECK, DEFEND THE STATUS QUO, AND THEIR



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1 OWN TURF. I WAS CONVINCED THERE WAS NO WILL IN THIS COUNTY TO  
2 ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS THAT EXISTED IN THAT DEPARTMENT. I WAS  
3 ONE SENIOR EXEMPT MANAGER IN A CADRE OF BIG, BAD BUREAUCRATS,  
4 AND IT'S CLEAR WHO HAS WON. I REMAINED LARGELY SILENT FOR FIVE  
5 YEARS BECAUSE I CONTINUED TO SEE NO WILL TO ADDRESS THE  
6 FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE TO IMPROVE THAT  
7 DEPARTMENT. THIS COUNTY COULDN'T EVEN AGREE ON HIRING THE MOST  
8 RESPECTED AND PREEMINENT JUVENILE JUSTICE EXPERT IN THE  
9 NATION, SHAY BELICHICK, TO REFORM A BROKEN SYSTEM, AND I MADE  
10 THAT RECOMMENDATION TO THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER BACK IN  
11 2005. TODAY, I HOPE AND PRAY THAT THINGS ARE DIFFERENT. I  
12 DON'T KNOW THE NEW CHIEF OR HIS NEW DEPUTY. WE'VE NEVER  
13 SPOKEN. BUT I DO KNOW THAT YOU'VE HIRED HIM TO RUN AND TO FIX  
14 THIS DEPARTMENT, AND WITH THAT MASSIVE RESPONSIBILITY, HE MUST  
15 BE GIVEN COMPLETE AUTHORITY TO HIRE HIS OWN TEAMS. GIVE HIM  
16 THAT AUTHORITY TO HIRE THESE MANAGERS AND THEN HOLD THEM  
17 ACCOUNTABLE FOR ACHIEVING RESULTS. YOU MAY FEEL THAT YOU KNOW  
18 WHAT HE IS UP AGAINST, BUT I WANT YOU TO HEAR IT FROM SOMEONE  
19 WHO WAS ACTUALLY THERE. THE THINGS THAT I WITNESSED AS A  
20 MEMBER OF THAT EXECUTIVE TEAM, I'VE NEVER SEEN SOMETHING SO  
21 STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT IN MY LIFE, LITTERED WITH HIGH RANKING  
22 INDIVIDUALS WHO BRAZENLY DEFY THE LAW, ANY SEMBLANCE OF THEIR  
23 JOB DESCRIPTIONS, AND WERE PAID LARGE SALARIES TO PERFORM IT.  
24 I REVIEWED HUNDREDS OF CASE FILES, MET WITH FRONT LINE WORKERS  
25 IN CAMPS AND HALLS AND RECOMMENDED CORRECTIVE ACTION AFTER



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1 ACTION THAT WENT NOWHERE UNLESS IT MAY HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED  
2 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THAT THOSE WERE ACTIONS ACTUALLY  
3 BEING TAKEN. AND IN SOME, THE DEPARTMENT HAS A SYSTEMATIC  
4 PATTERN AND PRACTICE OF NOT HAVING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN  
5 WRITING. IT WAS COMPLETE ANARCHY AND THE HARD-WORKING STAFF  
6 THAT YOU HAVE, FIELD OFFICERS, PROBATION OFFICERS, MIDDLE  
7 MANAGERS TRYING TO DO THEIR JOB WERE JUST UNDER THE THROAT OF  
8 BAD INDIVIDUALS. THERE WAS NO ACCOUNTABILITY FROM TOP TO  
9 BOTTOM.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE SUMMARIZE. YOUR TIME IS UP.

12

13 **ANDREA GORDON:** FOR ITEM NUMBER FIVE, PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR  
14 NEW DIRECTOR IN THERE ALONE. HE'LL GET NOTHING DONE. I URGE  
15 YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO BRING HIS OWN TEAM.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MISS LOFTON.

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19 **ESTHER LOFTON:** MY NAME IS ESTHER LOFTON, I LIVE AT 1327 SOUTH  
20 VAN NESS AVENUE IN LOS ANGELES I WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY, MS.  
21 MOLINA, TODAY, BUT I WROTE MY SUPERVISOR AND TOLD HIM OF A  
22 VERY OXYMORONIC SITUATION THAT HAPPENED WITH AGENTS AND  
23 OFFICIALS OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND, AS USUAL, I GOT NO  
24 RESPONSE, SO I'M GOING TO TELL YOU ABOUT THAT OXYMORONIC  
25 SITUATION THAT WILL ENDORSE MUCH OF WHAT THIS LADY NEXT TO ME



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1 SAID BEFORE I HAD EIGHT CHILDREN, BUT SIX OF THEM WERE UNDER  
2 THE CONTROL AND CUSTODY OF PROBATION OFFICERS. LET ME GIVE YOU  
3 THEIR AGES. ONE WAS FOUR MONTHS, ONE WAS FIVE YEARS, ONE WAS  
4 FOUR YEARS, AND THEN THERE WERE 8, 9, AND 12. NOW, MY  
5 UNDERSTANDING OF PROBATION IS THAT PROBATION IS FOR PEOPLE WHO  
6 HAVE VIOLATED THE LAW AND THEY HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY THE COURT  
7 TO BE UNDER THE SURVEILLANCE OF PROBATION OFFICERS. THE ONLY  
8 VIOLATION I CAN SEE THAT THESE CHILDREN MADE, ESPECIALLY THE  
9 INFANT, IS THAT MAYBE SHE POOPED IN HER PANTS AND MAYBE THAT'S  
10 UNUSUAL FOR BABIES TO POOP IN THEIR PANTS, BUT THAT'S WHAT  
11 HAPPENED. NOW, WHEN I WROTE MY SUPERVISOR, AND IT AFFECTS HIM,  
12 JUST AS MUCH AS IT HAPPENED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, I AM UNDER THE  
13 BELIEF THAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT CAN STILL HAPPEN TODAY. NOW,  
14 MY HUSBAND WAS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED DISABLED COMBAT  
15 INFANTRY VETERAN OF A FOREIGN WAR. HE DIDN'T COME BACK TO THIS  
16 COUNTRY FOR IT TO BE ATTACKED BY THIS GOVERNMENT OR TO HAVE  
17 HIS CHILDREN ATTACKED BY THIS GOVERNMENT, AND I WILL FIGHT IT  
18 AS LONG AS I LIVE, WHETHER I GET THE SUPPORT OF MY SUPERVISOR  
19 OR NOT, BUT I DO EXPECT THE RESPONSE FROM HIM. THAT'S WHY I'M  
20 HERE TODAY. THAT'S THE ONLY REASON.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS LOFTON. COULD WE HAVE  
23 MAUREEN PACHECO JOIN US, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, AND ARNOLD  
24 SACHS. MR. BRISSETTE.

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1   **RANDY BRISSETTE:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME  
2   IS DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER, RANDY BRISSETTE. I'M WITH THE  
3   L.A. COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I'VE BEEN WITH THE PROBATION  
4   DEPARTMENT FOR 25-1/2 YEARS. IN THOSE 25-1/2 YEARS, I'VE BEEN  
5   FIRED TWICE BY THIS DEPARTMENT FOR FALSE ALLEGATIONS, ONE TIME  
6   16 MONTHS, ONE TIME FOR 22 MONTHS. I'VE BEEN SUSPENDED TWICE,  
7   ONCE FOR 3-1/2 DAYS. THAT 3-1/2 DAYS IS STILL UNDER REVIEW.  
8   THE OTHER TIME WAS FOR 15 DAYS, WHICH IS IN YOUR OFFICE OF  
9   INTERNAL REVIEW REPORT ON PAGES 50 AND 51, WHICH IS CALLED THE  
10   CUBICLE CASE. IN THAT, I AM TIRED, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, OF  
11   FIGHTING THIS DEPARTMENT ON FALSE ALLEGATIONS ONE FIGHT AT A  
12   TIME. I AM GOING THROUGH THIS AGAIN NOW FOR A FALSE  
13   ALLEGATION, A STATEMENT THAT A FELLOW CO-WORKER MADE OF  
14   STATING THAT I HAD A DREAM OF KILLING A FELLOW CO-WORKER. I AM  
15   TIRED OF FIGHTING THIS DEPARTMENT BECAUSE OF CLOSED DOOR  
16   DEALINGS BETWEEN THE UNION AND THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE. I  
17   WANT TO THANK THIS BOARD FOR FINALLY RECOGNIZING THE FLAWS OF  
18   THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE AND OUR SUPERIORS WHO WERE  
19   SUPPOSED TO BE WATCHING THIS DEPARTMENT. ONCE AGAIN, ONE TIME  
20   WHEN I WAS A UNION STEWARD, I ASKED OUR BUSINESS AGENT, "WHY  
21   CAN'T THE COUNTY HIRE AN OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION UNIT TO  
22   INVESTIGATE THESE ALLEGATIONS?" THE BUSINESS SECTION SAID,  
23   "WELL, IF WE DID THAT, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WIN OUR CASES  
24   WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD." [LAUGHTER.] OH, OKAY. I WANT TO  
25   TAKE THIS SHORT TIME THAT I HAVE LEFT. I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE





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1 BETWEEN ALL THE ADDICTIONS THAT I HAVE, I'M GOING TO SEE AN  
2 ADDICTION THERAPIST, I'VE BEEN TO MY PSYCHIATRIST AT KAISER,  
3 THE CHIROPRACTOR THAT I SEE BECAUSE MY BODY LOCKS UP BECAUSE  
4 OF THE TIMES THAT I HAVE TO GO BECAUSE OF THE STRESS THAT I'M  
5 UNDER FROM THE THINGS THAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH WITH THIS  
6 DEPARTMENT. I NEED TO BRING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION, TO THANK  
7 YOU FINALLY HAVING THIS DEPARTMENT FINALLY UNDER  
8 INVESTIGATION, THAT WHAT THIS LADY SAID THAT SHE'S BEEN  
9 THROUGH, AND I'M AN INDIVIDUAL, WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH WITH  
10 THIS DEPARTMENT. I HAD TO STOP AT THIS OFFICE-- I HAD TO STOP  
11 AT MICHAEL ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE WHEN I WAS IN THE AREA AND ASK  
12 THE GENTLEMAN IF HE COULD BRING THIS TO MR. ANTONOVICH'S  
13 ATTENTION, BUT HE WAS TOO BUSY PLAYING WITH THE DOG IN THE  
14 OFFICE. IN FINAL, I WANT TO SAY, I LOVE MY WORK WITH THIS  
15 DEPARTMENT, WITH BEING ONE OF THE BIGGEST DEPARTMENTS IN THE  
16 UNITED STATES. I WORK IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. I WORK WITH  
17 SEX OFFENDERS, CHILD ABUSERS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. I HAVE A  
18 95 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE WITH THE PEOPLE I DEAL WITH. I WANT TO  
19 KEEP MY JOB. I ENJOY MY JOB. I DON'T WANT THIS TO STOP. I JUST  
20 WANT THIS DEPARTMENT TO STOP DOING WHAT IT'S DOING TO PEOPLE  
21 WHO ARE INNOCENT AND HOLD THOSE ACCOUNTABLE THAT ARE GUILTY.  
22 THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS PACHECO.

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1   **MAUREEN PACHECO:** THANK YOU. I COULD NOT SAY IT ANY BETTER THAN  
2   REVEREND WAGAR IN HER INVOCATION THIS MORNING. ALL OF OUR  
3   CHILDREN, EVEN THE TROUBLED ONES, THE ONES THAT COME INTO  
4   CONTACT WITH PROBATION, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE IN  
5   JUVENILE HALL, TAKEN AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES, PLACED IN GROUP  
6   HOMES OR IN CAMPS UNDER PROBATION SUPERVISION, DESERVE THOSE  
7   SAME BASIC GUARANTEES: TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT,  
8   TO BE EDUCATED, TO BE TREATED FOR THEIR ILLNESSES, MENTAL,  
9   EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL, AND TO BE SAFE. BUT UNFORTUNATELY,  
10  WE'RE NOT THERE, WE'RE A FAR, FAR DISTANCE FROM THAT. I THINK  
11  IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE BOARD TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN LOOKING AT  
12  PROBATION, I SPEAK SPECIFICALLY ON JUVENILE PROBATIONS, THE  
13  DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ADULTS AND JUVENILES AND WHAT WE'RE TRYING  
14  TO ACCOMPLISH WITH JUVENILES, THEY'RE NOT CONVICTED. THEY'RE  
15  MADE WARDS OF THE COURT, AND UNLIKE ADULTS, THEY'RE NOT GIVEN  
16  A JURY TRIAL. THEY'RE DENIED THAT DUE PROCESS PROTECTION  
17  BECAUSE THE TRADE-OFF IS, WE PROMISED TO PROVIDE THEM  
18  REHABILITATION. I'M NOT HERE TO VILIFY PROBATION. I'VE WORKED  
19  FOR MANY YEARS WITH VERY FINE MEN AND WOMEN IN PROBATION, BUT  
20  I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE JUVENILE DEFENSE COMMUNITY  
21  AND WHAT WE CAN OFFER TO HELP THIS BOARD AND HELP PROBATION  
22  MOVE THE AGENDA OF REFORM. I SPENT 22 YEARS WITH THE LOS  
23  ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE MOST RECENTLY AS A  
24  JUVENILE JUSTICE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY ADVISOR TO MICHAEL  
25  JUDGE. I AM NOW A PROFESSOR AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, WHERE I



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1 TEACH OUR STUDENTS BEST PRACTICES IN REPRESENTING KIDS WHO ARE  
2 CHARGED IN DELINQUENCY COURT. AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE  
3 PICTURE THAT HAS BEEN MISSING IS THE ROLE OF THE JUVENILE  
4 DEFENSE ATTORNEY AND HOW WE CAN HELP. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE  
5 BEEN PRIMARILY SHUT OUT FROM ANY ATTEMPTS TO WORK WITH  
6 PROBATION IN TERMS OF MONITORING THE KIDS IN PROBATION CAMPS  
7 AND PIT KIDS IN JUVENILE HALL. I THINK THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT  
8 POINT IS THAT WE NEED TO OPEN UP THE DOORS AND ALLOW ADVOCATES  
9 TO COME IN AND PLAY THE ROLE THAT THEY CAN PLAY. WE HAVE A  
10 DUTY, JUVENILE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, UNDER THE WHEELS OF COURT,  
11 TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE INTERESTS OF OUR CLIENTS' PAST  
12 DISPOSITION, WHICH IS SENTENCING. THAT DUTY, UNFORTUNATELY,  
13 CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE CURRENT SITUATION WE HAVE IN  
14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE HAVE JUVENILE PUBLIC DEFENDERS WHO ARE  
15 STRUGGLING WITH-- VALIANTLY, BUT STRUGGLING WITH THEIR  
16 CASELOADS. THERE'S NO TIME FOR THEM TO GO TO THE CAMPS TO SEE  
17 WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THEIR KIDS OR TO GO TO THE HALLS, AND WE  
18 HAVE ATTORNEYS WHO ARE PAID A FLAT FEE WHO ARE LITERALLY  
19 ABANDONING THEIR CLIENTS AND THEIR ETHICAL DUTIES TO CONTINUE  
20 TO MONITOR THEIR CLIENTS. I SEE THAT MY TIME IS ALMOST UP AND  
21 I WANT TO OFFER THE-- I MET WITH CHIEF BLEVINS AND I WANT TO  
22 OFFER THE YOUTH ADVOCACY COMMUNITY IN OFFERING TO HELP, I  
23 THINK THERE'S THREE QUICK SUGGESTIONS THAT I CAN MAKE. FIRST  
24 OF ALL, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS NOT THE WHOLE ANSWER.  
25 I'VE BEEN THROUGH THE HALLS AND THE CAMPS WITH THE DEPARTMENT



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1 OF JUSTICE STAFF FOR MANY YEARS NOW. THEY HAVE NOT  
2 ACCOMPLISHED WHAT THEY'VE SET OUT TO ACCOMPLISH FOR MANY  
3 REASONS. THEY WOULD COME AND ALLOW PROBATION TO KNOW THEY WERE  
4 COMING, THEY ALLOWED PROBATION TO CHOOSE WHICH KIDS WOULD BE  
5 SPOKEN TO, WHICH OFTEN ALLOWED PROBATION TO TRANSFER OR HIDE  
6 PROBLEM KIDS. THEY SPOKE WITH KIDS IN NON PRIVATE SETTINGS  
7 WHERE KIDS COULD BE OVERHEARD AND RISKED AND WERE RETALIATED  
8 AGAINST, AND THE D.O.J. LAWYERS WHO CAME CONSTANTLY CHANGED SO  
9 THAT THERE WAS NO CONSISTENCY OR OVERSIGHT.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUMMARIZE, PLEASE.

12

13 **MAUREEN PACHECO:** THANK YOU. I WILL. BUT WHAT I OFFER IS THAT  
14 THE YOUTH DEFENSE ADVOCACY COMMUNITY, AND WE ARE A COMMUNITY,  
15 IS OFFERING TO WORK WITH PROBATION. WE ASKED THE BOARD TO  
16 ENCOURAGE PROBATION TO WORK WITH US SO THAT WE CAN ESTABLISH A  
17 DEFENSE MONITORING PROCESS. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS PACHECO. DR. CLAVREUL.

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21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING. DR. CLAVREUL. ON  
22 THAT ISSUE, I PROBABLY COME FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE.  
23 YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE RULES AND WE EMPLOY PEOPLE TO  
24 APPLY THOSE RULES, AND IF THEY ARE NOT DOING THEIR JOB, THEY  
25 SHOULD BE FIRED, BUT OF COURSE IT'S L.A. COUNTY: THE WORSE YOU



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1 PERFORM, THE LONGER YOU STAY, AND I THINK IT'S TIME YOU  
2 IMPLEMENT AND DO AUDIT. BUT FOR CHRIST'S SAKES, WHEN YOU GET  
3 AN AUDIT WHICH IS BLATANT MISPERFORMANCE, YOU ACT ON IT. WE  
4 ARE SPENDING MONEY [INAUDIBLE] FOR 11 YEARS, I SHOULD SAY NOW.  
5 FOR 11 YEARS, I HAVE SEEN AUDIT AFTER AUDIT COMING DOWN WITH  
6 SOME PRETTY EGREGIOUS MISBEHAVIOR, AND EVERY TIME WE DO  
7 NOTHING ABOUT IT. I REMEMBER ONE DAY IN PARTICULAR WAS THE  
8 OFFICE OF AID, GET THE RESPONSE FROM MR. SCHUNHOFF, IT WOULD  
9 BE TOO MIND BOGGLING TO ACCOUNT FOR \$83 MILLION. I CAN GO BACK  
10 AND DO NUMEROUS THINGS LIKE THAT. STOP DOING THE AUDIT AND ACT  
11 ON IT, AND THAT'S WHAT I WOULD ASK YOU TO DO TODAY, PLEASE.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS.  
14 ACTUALLY, WHEN I READ THE NEWSPAPER, SUPERVISOR THOMAS, AND  
15 SAW THAT YOU CALLED FOR A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION, I  
16 KIND OF GOT MY HOPES UP BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO SAY  
17 JUSTICE DEPARTMENT-- JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION OF THE  
18 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUT IT WAS ONLY THE PROBATION  
19 DEPARTMENT, AND WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT THE SPEAKERS PRIOR TO  
20 ME, FOR THE MOST PART, WERE ALL LONG-TERM EMPLOYEES COMING  
21 BEFORE YOU REITERATING PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT  
22 THROUGH MOST OF THE TIME THAT YOU'VE BEEN SITTING AS  
23 SUPERVISORS. I WONDER IF THERE'S A BEARING ON THAT, BUT THEN  
24 AGAIN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU CALLED FOR THE DIRECTORS OF  
25 THE DEPARTMENT. WHAT HAPPENED WHEN M.L.K. FAILED? DID YOU CALL



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1 FOR THE DIRECTORS TO COME BACK THERE AND TALK ABOUT ANY POLICY  
2 CHANGES THERE? WE'VE HAD D.C.F.S. IN HERE REGARDING PROBLEMS  
3 WITH THAT. HAVE YOU CALLED FOR-- THE DIRECTORS HAVE-- I SHOULD  
4 SAY THEY'VE BEEN IN HERE, BUT THE LAST DIRECTORS HAS BEEN IN  
5 HERE, BUT THE KEEP PROBLEMS KEEP REAPPEARING. WHEN LONG TERM  
6 WORKERS COME BEFORE YOU AND EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS REGARDING  
7 THE POLICIES AND THE PROCEDURES, I ASK TWO QUESTIONS TODAY:  
8 HOW CAN THEY KEEP BEING LONG-TERM WORKERS, AND IF YOU'RE NOT  
9 LISTENING TO THEM, IF NOBODY'S LISTENING TO THEM, THEN WHAT  
10 POINT DO THE PEOPLE ON THIS SIDE WHO COME IN AND TALK ABOUT  
11 THEIR INDIVIDUAL CASES WITH THEIR FAMILIES HAVE OF GETTING ANY  
12 RESPONSE BECAUSE YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT LISTENING TO THE  
13 WORKERS, YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO LISTEN TO THE  
14 COMPLAINNEES. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES ALL THE  
17 TESTIMONY. ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT? IF NOT, THE ITEMS  
18 ARE BEFORE US.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE THEM.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED  
23 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
24 ORDERED, SO ORDERED ON ITEMS 2, 5 AND 6.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM--

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3    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ANYTHING ELSE?

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5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 70.

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7    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM 70.

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9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE PENSION ISSUE. I WAS JUST-- AS TO THE  
10    ACTIVE MEMBERS THAT ARE IN OUR VARIOUS PLANS TO PERHAPS WE  
11    HAVE 1,968 MEMBERS WHO ARE STILL ACTIVE COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT  
12    ARE IN PLAN "A" AND WE HAVE IN PLAN "E" 28,483. MOST OF OUR  
13    EMPLOYEES ARE IN PLAN "D," 51,885, AND THE QUESTION IS, WHAT  
14    IS THE-- DO WE HAVE A PROJECTION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS  
15    RELATIVE TO THAT PLAN "A," "B," "C" NUMBERS GOING OVER TO THE  
16    RETIRED SIDE?

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18    **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY. CAN YOU REPEAT YOUR QUESTION?

19

20    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION IS, HOW MANY ARE WE PROJECTING  
21    ARE GOING TO BE RETIRING THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN PLANS "A," "B,"  
22    OR "C" WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

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24    **SPEAKER:** I'M NOT SURE WE'RE ABLE TO MAKE THOSE PROJECTIONS  
25    BECAUSE THEY'RE BASED ON INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS BUT WE CAN WORK





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1 WITH L.A.C.E.R.A. ON THEIR ACTUARIAL PROJECTIONS FOR THAT  
2 REMAINING POPULATION IN THOSE CLOSED PLANS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE KNOW WHAT IS TAKING PLACE AT THE STATE  
5 WHERE MANY OF THE UNIONS HAVE NOW COME TO AGREEMENTS WITH THE  
6 GOVERNOR IN REDUCING STARTING ANOTHER TIER RELATIVE TO RETIRED  
7 BENEFITS AND THAT AND I HOPE OUR BOARD HAS ASKED FOR A REPORT  
8 HERE AS TO HOW WE ARE LOOKING AT MAKING THE REFORMS IN OUR  
9 PENSION SYSTEM. DO WE HAVE ANY STATUS REPORTS ON THAT?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** WE'LL BE GETTING BACK TO YOU ON THAT SHORTLY. I DON'T  
12 WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WE FEEL PRETTY STRONGLY THAT WE DID 30  
13 YEARS AGO WHAT THE STATE IS LOOKING AT DOING NOW AND WHAT MANY  
14 OTHER JURISDICTIONS ARE LOOKING AT DOING NOW. WE HAVE A VERY  
15 RESPONSIBLE PENSION SYSTEM AND WE DID REFORM IT 30 YEARS AGO,  
16 AND THROUGH YOUR LEADERSHIP, WE'VE STUCK WITH THAT, AND SO WE  
17 FEEL THAT OUR PLANS NOW ARE FAIR TO THE EMPLOYEES BUT ALSO  
18 FISCALLY SUSTAINABLE. WE DON'T HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT  
19 CONTINUING TO FUND THEM AND WE DON'T BELIEVE WE NEED TO MAKE  
20 MAJOR OR MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO REDUCE THE BENEFITS THAT ARE  
21 GIVEN BECAUSE WE HAVE ALREADY DONE THAT AND WE'VE STUCK WITH  
22 THAT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU'RE SAYING THERE ARE NO CHANGES THAT  
25 OUGHT TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER THE CURRENT SYSTEM?



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2 **SPEAKER:** WE WILL CONSIDER THEM. WE CAN, AND WE WILL REPORT  
3 BACK TO YOU ON THOSE.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU ARE CONSIDERING YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A  
6 REPORT BACK AS TO OTHER WAYS OF ENHANCING THE SYSTEM.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE CAN DO THAT.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR THE FISCAL STABILITY OF THAT SYSTEM.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW THAT THE SYSTEM WOULD CALL FOR MOVING  
15 TO A 457 401(K) SYSTEM FOR GENERAL MEMBERS. THOSE WOULD BE THE  
16 TRANSIENT EMPLOYEES WHO ARE IN THE SYSTEM BECAUSE UNLIKE IN  
17 THE PAST WHERE WE HAD PEOPLE STAYING FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME,  
18 NOW WE TEND TO HAVE MORE OF A TRANSIENT SYSTEM, AND THESE ARE  
19 SOME OF THE OTHER ISSUES THAT WERE BEING RAISED, BUT THOSE ARE  
20 MY ISSUES.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM 70 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY  
23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF THERE'S NO  
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE-- LET ME INTRODUCE-- REGIONAL PLANNING  
2   HAS JUST ISSUED A NOTIFICATION TO THE VARIOUS BOARD OFFICES  
3   TODAY THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE REDUCING HOURS AT THEIR ONE-  
4   STOP PERMIT FIELD OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE FIVE SUPERVISORIAL  
5   DISTRICTS AND I KNOW THAT'S AN IMPACT ON THE SAN GABRIEL FOR  
6   OUR AREA AND ANTELOPE VALLEY, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY FOR MY  
7   AREA, AND WHAT'S INTERESTING IS THE BOARD JUST APPROVED THE  
8   REGIONAL PLANNING FEE INCREASES BUT DID NOT-- NOW HAVE NOT  
9   BEEN CONSULTED IN ADVANCE EXCEPT WITH THIS EMAIL THAT WE JUST  
10   RECEIVED THAT'S GOING TO REDUCE HOURS, SO COULD WE HAVE A  
11   REPORT BACK FROM THE C.E.O. AS TO THIS RECENT EMAIL THAT'S  
12   BEEN SENT OUT AND REDUCTION OF THOSE HOURS AND HOW WE CAN  
13   RESTORE THOSE HOURS?

14

15   **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR. WE JUST BECAME AWARE OF THAT ISSUE AND  
16   WE'RE WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW. WE'LL GET BACK TO  
17   YOU PROMPTLY ON THAT.

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19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION FOR NEXT  
20   WEEK. "IN 2006, THE BOARD AMENDED THE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE  
21   REQUIRING A C.U.P. FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. THE  
22   ORDINANCE PROHIBITED THE OPENING OF A DISPENSARY WITHIN 1,000  
23   FEET OF CHURCHES, DAYCARE CENTERS, LIBRARIES, PLAYGROUNDS,  
24   SCHOOLS AND OTHER SENSITIVE AREAS. SEVERAL DISPENSARIES HAVE  
25   OPENED IN COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS WITHOUT SECURING THAT



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1 NECESSARY C.U.P., OR COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE. THE COUNTY STAFF  
2 AND MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING COUNTY COUNSEL, DISTRICT  
3 ATTORNEY, PUBLIC WORKS, REGIONAL PLANNING, TREASURER AND TAX  
4 COLLECTOR AND BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION HAVE EXPENDED  
5 TREMENDOUS RESOURCES ENFORCING AGAINST THESE USES. COUNTY  
6 ATTORNEYS HAVE GONE TO COURT TO CLOSE THESE FACILITIES  
7 INCLUDING IN ONE PARTICULAR INSTANCE, A DISPENSARY THAT COULD  
8 LOCATED TWO DOORS FROM A COUNTY LIBRARY. ACCORDING TO MEDIA  
9 REPORTS, MORE THAN 100 CITIES AND NINE COUNTIES HAVE BANNED  
10 MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. NEARLY EQUAL NUMBERS OF CITIES  
11 AND COUNTIES HAVE MORATORIUMS IN PLACE. THE ISSUE IS A  
12 PARTICULAR CONCERN AS IT IMPACTS THE DISPENSARIES WHICH MAY  
13 HAVE UPON THE COUNTY'S UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES WHICH ARE  
14 ADJACENT TO CITIES THAT HAVE BANNED THESE DISPENSARIES, WHICH  
15 BECOME OBVIOUS LOCALE OF CHOICE FOR DISPENSARY OPERATORS. FOR  
16 EXAMPLE, IN THOSE CITIES OF ARCADIA, MONROVIA AND PASADENA,  
17 IT'S LIKELY THAT DISPENSARY OPERATORS WILL APPLY FOR A C.U.P.  
18 IN SEVERAL ADJACENT UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. IT'S UNFAIR  
19 FOR OUR COUNTY UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS AND, OWNERS TO  
20 SHOULDER THAT BURDEN WHEN SURROUNDING CITIES HAVE TAKEN  
21 POSITIVE STEPS TO BAN THE USE WITHIN THEIR BORDERS, SO I WOULD  
22 MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING  
23 IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE ORDINANCE  
24 REVISIONS TO TITLE 22 OF THE COUNTY CODE FOR A COMPLETE BAN OF  
25 ALL MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS



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1 OF THE COUNTY, AND THAT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION WOULD  
2 CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON  
3 THAT PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO THE BOARD FOR ITS CONSIDERATIONS.  
4 THAT WOULD BE FOR NEXT WEEK.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. THAT'S FOR NEXT  
7 WEEK. THANK YOU. I HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT  
8 WE ADJOURN THIS MORNING IN THE MEMORY OF ROBERT SOLORIO. THE  
9 BELOVED GRANDFATHER OF RAQUEL SOLARIO. MR. SOLARIO WAS A LONG-  
10 TIME MONTEBELLO RESIDENT WHO ACTIVELY UTILIZED OUR MONTEBELLO  
11 SENIOR CENTER. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO RAQUEL AND  
12 HER ENTIRE FAMILY. I'D ALSO AND THAT ALL MEMBERS TO ADJOURN IN  
13 THE MEMORY OF LEGENDARY UNITED STATES SENATOR ROBERT BYRD,  
14 WHO'S PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. THE WEST VIRGINIA LAWMAKER  
15 WAS THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBER OF CONGRESS IN THE UNITED  
16 STATES HISTORY. HE ROSE FROM POVERTY TO ELECTION IN CONGRESS  
17 IN 1953 AT A TIME-- AND AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING, HE WAS  
18 MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE SENATE AND THIRD IN LINE FOR SUCCESSION  
19 TO THE PRESIDENCY. SENATOR BYRD WAS A MASTER OF THE SENATE  
20 RULES. HE WAS A STAUNCH DEFENDER OF THE CONSTITUTION AND SPOKE  
21 OUT OFTEN ABOUT SENATE PROCESS AS WELL AS PROCEDURES. HIS  
22 LEGACY WAS TRULY FASCINATING. FOR EXAMPLE, AFTER VOTING  
23 AGAINST THE LANDMARK 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, HE LATER  
24 VIGOROUSLY RENOUNCED HIS OWN ACTIONS. HE WAS BOTH CRITICIZED  
25 AND CELEBRATED OVER THE YEARS, INCLUDING HIS MEMORABLE



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1 ELOQUENCE SPEAKING OUT IN 2003 AGAINST AUTHORIZING THE WAR ON  
2 IRAQ. SENATOR BYRD'S LEADERSHIP AND LEGACY WILL NEVER BE  
3 FORGOTTEN AND TODAY WE PAY TRIBUTE TO ONE OF OUR NATION'S MOST  
4 ICONIC PUBLIC SERVANTS, SO I ASK ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN ME IN  
5 THAT ADJOURNMENT. AND I HELD NO OTHER ITEMS AND I DON'T HAVE  
6 ANY OTHER SPECIALS, SO CALL ON SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR  
7 HIS SPECIALS.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. PERMIT  
10 ME TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR  
11 INDIVIDUALS. I BEGIN WITH VILLA R. FRIERSON, BORN SEPTEMBER  
12 19, 1932 IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 18TH,  
13 2010 AT THE AGE OF 77. SHE RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE  
14 AND HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE FROM BENNETT  
15 COLLEGE IN NORTH CAROLINA. SHE SERVED THE COMPTON UNIFIED  
16 SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A TEACHER AND READING SPECIALIST AND  
17 RETIRED FROM THE DISTRICT AS DISTRICT SUPERVISOR OF GUIDANCE,  
18 WELFARE AND ATTENDANCE. SHE WAS A DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE  
19 CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP FROM 1963 UNTIL HER PASSING,  
20 WHERE SHE SERVED AS A SUNDAY SCHOOLTEACHER, WAS A MEMBER OF  
21 THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, THE BOARD OF WORLD SERVICE AND THE  
22 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CHILDCARE. SHE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF  
23 ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, THE LINKS, WOMEN ON TARGET,  
24 ABSOLUTE BRIDGE, AND FRIDAY NIGHT BRIDGE CLUBS, THE LULLABY  
25 GUILD AND MORE. SHE WAS ALSO DISTINCTLY KNOWN AS A WORLD



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1 TRAVELER. SHE ENJOYED ATTENDING THEATRE, RAISING FLOWERS AND  
2 COMPLETING CROSSWORD PUZZLES. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY  
3 HER SON JEFFREY AND A HOST OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. MR. CUBIE  
4 A. HUFFMAN, BORN JANUARY 2, 1934 IN DALLAS, TEXAS AND PASSED  
5 AWAY ON JUNE 2ND, 2010 AT THE AGE OF 76. HE RELOCATED TO LOS  
6 ANGELES IN 1938 AND GRADUATED FROM MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL AND  
7 ARBOR COLLEGE. HE WORKED FOR THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
8 FOR SOME TIME AND SERVED THE COUNTY THROUGH HIS WORK WITH THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF  
10 THE FOUR SEASONS WEST SKI CLUB. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR  
11 STARTING THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SKATE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH IN 1968  
12 AT THE MONA, ROOSEVELT AND SPORTSMAN PARKS. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
13 HIS SONS, TODD AND TROY. OFFICER PHILIP DENNIS ORTIZ, BORN  
14 JUNE 27TH, 1961 IN LOS ANGELES, AND PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 22ND,  
15 2010, AT THE AGE OF 48, AFTER BEING STRUCK BY A CAR IN THE  
16 LINE OF DUTY ON JUNE 9 OF 2010. HE GRADUATED FROM THE SANTA  
17 MONICA HIGH SCHOOL IN 1979 AND WORKED FOR A SHORT PERIOD AT  
18 SAFEWAY UNTIL HE JOINED THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL IN 1982,  
19 WHERE HE SERVED FAITHFULLY FOR SOME 28 YEARS. HE RECEIVED  
20 MOTORCYCLE TRAINING AFTER HIS FIRST YEAR WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
21 AND SPENT 20 YEARS IN SERVICE IN THE WEST LOS ANGELES AREA,  
22 ENJOYED PLAYING GOLF, GOING TO THE GYM, RUNNING, SMOKING  
23 CIGARS AND RIDING ONE OF HIS THREE HARLEY-DAVIDSON  
24 MOTORCYCLES. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS DEVOTION AS A  
25 HUSBAND, HIS LOVE FOR HIS PARENTS AND HIS FAITHFULNESS AS A





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1 FRIEND. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, JESSICA, HIS  
2 PARENTS IRENE AND CLAUSE, HIS SISTER, ANA, AND A HOST OF  
3 RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND GRIEVING CO-WORKERS. I WOULD REQUEST  
4 ALL MEMBERS IN HIS MEMORY.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ADJOURNMENT.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FINALLY, ROSA LEE THOMPSON, BORN SEPTEMBER  
9 15, 1925, IN LEESVILLE, AND PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 17, 2010 AT  
10 THE AGE OF 84. SHE GRADUATED FROM PARISH TRAINING SCHOOL IN  
11 DERIDDER, LOUISIANA, IN 1941 AT THE AGE OF 15, THEN MOVED TO  
12 WASHINGTON, D.C. TO ATTEND BEAUMONT BUSINESS COLLEGE. SHE  
13 RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1944 AFTER SHE EARNED A BUSINESS  
14 AND ACCOUNTING DEGREE FROM BEAUMONT. SHE HELD A NUMBER OF JOBS  
15 THROUGHOUT HER CAREER, INCLUDING SHORT-TERM AT LOCKHEED IN  
16 BURBANK AND WORKED EXTENSIVELY AS A PRESSER IN MANY OF THE  
17 LARGEST FASHION DESIGN HOUSES IN LOS ANGELES. SHE SPENT  
18 SEVERAL YEARS AS A HOMEMAKER AND RETURNED TO WORK AS A CULVER  
19 CITY LIBRARY CLERK UNTIL HER RETIREMENT IN 1995. SHE ALSO  
20 PARTNERED WITH HER HUSBAND AND SEVERAL REAL ESTATE VENTURES  
21 UNTIL HIS PASSING IN 2002. SHE HAD A TREMENDOUS FAITH AND  
22 COMMITMENT TO THE LORD AND SERVED FAITHFULLY AT THE CHURCH OF  
23 THE TRANSFIGURATION FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. SHE LOVED  
24 ENTERTAINING, SEEING LIVE THEATRE AND MOVIES AND WAS AN AVID  
25 READER, ENJOYED ALL TYPES OF MUSIC AND LOVED TO DANCE. SHE



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1 WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER LOVING GENEROSITY, HER  
2 SPIRITUALITY, HER PEACEFULNESS, HER DEVOTION TO FAMILY AND THE  
3 CHURCH, HER COOKING AND HER WARM, INVITING, AND BEAUTIFULLY  
4 DECORATED HOME. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER CHILDREN  
5 GLORIA AND DANNY, SISTER EARLENE, HER TWO GRANDDAUGHTERS AND A  
6 HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING IN  
7 MEMORY MOTIONS, MADAME CHAIR.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. ARE YOU HOLDING ANY ITEMS?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I AM NOT, MADAME CHAIR.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNING  
16 MOTIONS. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY  
17 OF JAMES DANIEL O'CONNELL, WHO WAS A YOUNG MAN OF 20 YEARS OF  
18 AGE, A RESIDENT OF BRENTWOOD WHO DIED TRAGICALLY OVER THE  
19 WEEKEND WHEN HE WAS STRUCK AND KILLED BY A CAR IN THE SAN  
20 DIEGO FREEWAY. HE HAD JUST COMPLETED HIS JUNIOR HERE AT  
21 LAFAYETTE COLLEGE IN PENNSYLVANIA, A MEMBER OF ZETA PSI  
22 FRATERNITY AND HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN THE CAMPUS R.O.T.C.. HE IS  
23 SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, A BROTHER, AND GRANDPARENTS, ONE OF  
24 WHOM IS MY DENTIST, MICHAEL O'CONNELL, AND OTHER FAMILY  
25 MEMBERS AND MANY FRIENDS. I WILL GET THE INFORMATION TO YOU. I



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1 JUST LEARNED OF IT THIS MORNING. ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
2 MEMORY OF MATTHEW BENJAMIN BUTCHER. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY  
3 ADJOURNED IN HIS MEMORY, WHO DIED TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 27,  
4 WAS THE VICTIM OF AN ARMED ROBBERY AT A MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
5 DISPENSARY WHERE HE WORKED IN EAGLE ROCK, I BELIEVE. HIS  
6 MOTHER, JULIE BUTCHER, KNOWN TO MANY OF US IN HER ROLE AS ONE  
7 OF OUR REGION'S TOP UNION LEADERS AND REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE  
8 SERVICE EMPLOYERS INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL 721 DESCRIBED HIM  
9 AS A KIND, DECENT, QUIET YOUNG MAN WHO WAS EXTRAORDINARILY  
10 LOVED BY FAMILY. MATT IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, DON AND  
11 JULIE BUTCHER AND A YOUNGER BROTHER STEVEN. I ASK THAT ALL  
12 MEMBERS JOIN IN THAT ONE. ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ED  
13 KAMENIR, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE OF LOS ANGELES AND OF OUR  
14 DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. ED WAS A DENTIST  
15 AND AN ATTORNEY, PAST PRESIDENT OF SINAI TEMPLE, ONE OF THE  
16 OLDEST JEWISH CONGREGATIONS IN LOS ANGELES, A PASSIONATE  
17 BUILDER AND LIFELONG SUPPORTER OF NUMEROUS COMMUNITY AND  
18 JEWISH INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING CAMP RAMAH, THE AMERICAN JEWISH  
19 UNIVERSITY, JEWISH WORLD WATCH, NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES,  
20 JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGING, BEIT T'SHUVAH, CHAIM SHEBA MEDICAL  
21 CENTER AND JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
22 OF 63 YEARS, CHARLOTTE KAMENIR, FIVE CHILDREN, SANDRA, DAVID,  
23 MICHAEL, BARBARA SIEGEL AND JANICE KAMEMIR-REZNIK, EIGHT  
24 GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT GRANDSON, A SISTER, SHIRLEY SCHUSTER,



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1 AND MANY COUSINS, NIECES AND NEPHEWS. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING  
2 MOTIONS.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE WE STILL HOLDING?

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ITEM NUMBER 21.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND ITEM 3 ALSO, IS THAT RIGHT? LET'S TAKE  
11 UP ITEM 21.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DR. CLAVREUL, YOU HELD ITEM 21, 67 AND 69.  
14 IF YOU'D PLEASE JOIN US.

15

16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
17 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 67 AND 69, I WILL PASS ON  
18 THAT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

21

22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND ON 21 AND 22, I WOULD ALSO ASK FOR  
23 KIND-- IT'S KIND OF BIZARRE THAT ON ITEM 21, WE ACCEPT MONEY  
24 FROM S.E.I.U. FOR A PROJECT WHICH IS VERY NICE, BUT IN ITEM  
25 22, WE REAUTHORIZE AN S.E.I.U. WORKFORCE EDUCATION FOR A



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1 MILLION 739,000 DOLLARS. IT'S ACTUALLY KIND OF A QUID PRO QUO  
2 THERE, ESPECIALLY WHEN I KNOW VERY WELL WHAT THE S.E.I.U.  
3 WORKFORCE HAS BEEN DOING, NOT VERY IMPRESSED BY THE RESULT, SO  
4 I THINK MAYBE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER NOT TO PUT THE SAME  
5 THING, A DONATION AND THEN YOU EXTEND THE CONTRACT BY ALMOST  
6 \$2 MILLION. I WOULD HAVE PUT IT AT LEAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS  
7 APART, SO I MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT. BUT ANYWAY, IT'S VERY  
8 APPALLING, AND I THINK WE SHOULD REVIEW THAT CONTRACT WITH  
9 S.E.I.U. ON HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE BECAUSE THEY'VE DONE VERY  
10 LITTLE. THEY'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR MANY YEARS, AND WE ALL AGREE  
11 RIGHT NOW THAT THE COUNTY HOSPITALS ARE NOT RUNNING THE BEST,  
12 MORE DILIGENT WAY THAN THEY SHOULD BE, AND REFLECTING DIRECTLY  
13 ON TWO ISSUES: THE S.E.I.U. IS VERY TIGHTLY LINKED TO THE  
14 DEBACLE OF KING/DREW. THEY ARE VERY LINKED TO THE POOR  
15 EFFICIENCY OF THE L.A. COUNTY HOSPITAL. I WOULD LIKE VERY  
16 MUCH, SINCE YOU ARE SO KEEN ON AUDITS, DO AN AUDIT OF THE  
17 PRODUCTION FROM THAT WORKFORCE AND CANCEL THEIR CONTRACT.  
18 THANK YOU SO MUCH. ANYWAY, MY MOST RECENT ARTICLE TELLS YOU  
19 ABOUT NURSING.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM 21--

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MOVE IT.



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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
2   YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
3   ORDERED. ITEM 67 AND 69 ARE CONTINUED.

4

5   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 67 IS THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN. THE  
6   SETTLEMENT, THEY'RE ASKING FOR APPROVAL ON THE SETTLEMENT  
7   TODAY.

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9   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 67, ON JUST THE SETTLEMENT ALONE,  
10  MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
11  ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THE  
12  CORRECTIVE ACTION IS BEING CONTINUED ON THAT ITEM. WE DO HAVE--  
13  -

14

15  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 22 AND ITEM 3. ITEM 22 IS GOING TO BE  
16  EXTENDED FOR A MONTH, IS THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE REPORT TO  
17  COME BACK IN TWO WEEKS, AND I KNOW THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO  
18  WANTED TO BE HEARD, BUT MAYBE IN LIGHT OF THAT, THEY WOULD  
19  PASS ON BEING HEARD. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE--

20

21  **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE HAVE, ON ITEM 22, WE HAVE WILLIAM  
22  LEGERE AND OSBEE SANGSTER. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY WERE WILLING.  
23  THE ITEM IS GOING TO BE CONTINUED. AS WELL AS GABRIEL  
24  WASHINGTON.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE CONTRACT IS GOING TO BE EXTENDED FOR A  
2    MONTH SO THERE'S NO HARM, NO FOUL.

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4    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S GOING TO BE EXTENDED. IS THERE ANY  
5    QUESTION OR COMMENT ON THAT?

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7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I APPRECIATE THAT. IF NOT, I WILL MOVE  
8    APPROVAL OF THE C.E.O.'S REQUEST FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF  
9    THE CONTRACT AND REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY, JULY  
10   13TH.

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12   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT AMENDMENT THAT WE'RE  
13   APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR AN EXTENSION OF ONE MONTH AND THAT  
14   WILL BE BACK IN TWO WEEKS FOR A REPORT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
15   YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
16   ORDERED.

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18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I'LL CALL UP NUMBER 3 NOW, MADAME CHAIR.

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20   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 3. DO YOU WANT TO  
21   ASK ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? WE HAVE VARIOUS PEOPLE.

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23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I'D LIKE-- YEAH, I THINK WE SHOULD  
24   HEAR FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND I THINK WE NEED TO





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1 HEAR FROM SUPERINTENDENT DARLENE ROBLES, WHO I BELIEVE IS  
2 HERE.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, DARLENE? MISS ROBLES, ARE YOU HERE?  
5 YOU SHOULD JOIN US. WHY DON'T WE ASK QUESTIONS FIRST AND THEN  
6 WE CAN HAVE--

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAVE THE PUBLIC SECOND?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MM-HMM.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE.

13

14 **DARLENE ROBLES:** GOOD MORNING. I WANT TO-- DO I WAIT FOR  
15 QUESTIONS, OR DO I START?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, LET ME JUST-- THIS IS-- NONE OF US  
18 BROUGHT THIS UP. THIS WAS BROUGHT UP BY SUPERVISOR KNABE I  
19 THINK IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC TESTIMONY, PUBLIC COMMENT THAT WE  
20 HAD A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, AND HE WANTED TO GET THIS ON THE  
21 AGENDA BECAUSE THE FISCAL YEAR IS CLOSING BEFORE OUR NEXT  
22 MEETING, AND SO I THINK WE CAN LEGITIMATELY INFER FROM HIS  
23 MOTION THAT HE WAS RESPONDING TO THE CONCERNS THAT WERE RAISED  
24 BY THE PUBLIC AND HE'S ASKING IN THE MOTION THAT THE BOARD OF  
25 EDUCATION, COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND L.A.C.O.E. EXTEND THE



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1 CONTRACT WITH THE CURRENT PROVIDERS, CURRENT SCHOOLS THAT  
2 PROVIDE FOR THESE SERVICES FOR 30 DAYS SO THAT THIS THING CAN  
3 BE SORTED OUT. THAT'S HIS PROPOSAL. NOW WHAT I THINK WE'D LIKE  
4 IS BOTH YOUR REACTION AND YOUR RESPONSE AND ANALYSIS OF HIS  
5 PROPOSAL AND WHAT CONSEQUENCES, INTENDED OR UNINTENDED THERE  
6 MAY BE TO IT AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO ADD AND PUT THIS  
7 WHOLE THING IN CONTEXT, BUT THIS DID COME TO US. FRANKLY,  
8 MAYBE YOU TALKED TO OUR STAFFS ABOUT, I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT  
9 CAME TO US AS SOMEWHAT OF A SURPRISE WHEN IT HIT US EITHER  
10 LAST WEEK OR THE WEEK BEFORE, I DON'T REMEMBER WHICH WEEK IT  
11 WAS, THAT THE PUBLIC CAME OUT.

12

13 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** AND AGAIN, I WANT TO BEGIN BY, I DID SPEAK  
14 TO STAFF FROM MR. KNABE'S OFFICE THIS MORNING AND I FIRST  
15 WANTED TO OFFER MY APOLOGY IN NOT BEING IN MY COMMUNICATION TO  
16 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST  
17 YEAR TO REDUCE OUR COSTS IN COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOLS. WE HAVE  
18 SHARED WITH OFFICES OVER TIME, BUT NOT IN THE DETAIL THAT WE  
19 SHOULD HAVE, SO I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. WE HAVE BEEN IN THE  
20 PROCESS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS REDUCING OUR COSTS AT  
21 COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF REVENUE LIMIT AND THE  
22 EXPENDITURES HAVE NOT MATCHED, AND IN ADDITION TO THE ISSUES  
23 OF OUR BUDGET FOR L.A.C.O.E. WITH THE J.C.S. DEFICIT, WE HAVE  
24 BEEN TRYING TO MANAGE OUR BUDGET SO THAT WE WOULD GET AN  
25 APPROVAL BUDGET BY THE STATE. SO THAT HAS BEEN OUR EFFORT, AND



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1 WE CAN TALK MORE IN DETAIL ABOUT THAT PROCESS, BUT IN RESPONSE  
2 TO SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION, WHEN I DID LEARN ABOUT IT LATE  
3 LAST WEEK, I IMMEDIATELY INVESTIGATED THE POSSIBILITY OF  
4 KEEPING THE SITES OPEN FOR 30 DAYS. IN ADDITION, THAT REQUEST  
5 HAD ALSO COME TO ME THROUGH THE UNION. I HAD MET WITH THEM A  
6 FEW WEEKS AGO, AND THEY ASKED ME TO LEAVE IT OPEN FOR 30 DAYS.  
7 I MADE A COMMITMENT AT THAT TIME TO WORK WITH THE SCHOOL  
8 DISTRICTS TO SEE IF THEY WOULD SIGN AN M.O.U. OF UNDERSTANDING  
9 FOR THE EXCESS COSTS. NOW, I DESCRIBED THE EXCESS COSTS AS  
10 HERE ARE THE STUDENTS-- 25 STUDENTS THAT HAVE AN ATTENDANCE  
11 RATE OF A CERTAIN AMOUNT AND THEN THE REVENUE IS GENERATED BY  
12 AN ATTENDANCE RATE. THEN WHATEVER IS OVER AND ABOVE THAT, THAT  
13 WOULD THEN BE DIVIDED BY THE DISTRICTS WHO HAVE SIGNED THE  
14 M.O.U., SO THAT'S THE EXCESS COST. IN GOING BACK TO LOOKING AT  
15 THE POSSIBILITY OF KEEPING THE SITE OPEN FOR 30 DAYS, WE HAVE  
16 JUST-- WE'VE JUST GONE THROUGH A REDUCTION IN FORCE IN OUR  
17 OFFICE, WHERE TEACHERS ARE NOTIFIED IN MARCH AND IN MAY  
18 BECAUSE OF A LOWER CLASS SIZES IN J.C.S., ALSO WITH THE  
19 POSSIBILITY OF THE CLOSURES OF C.D.S. SITES AND ALSO WITH SOME  
20 OF THE TAKE BACKS FROM OUR SPECIAL ED PROGRAM, SO WE HAD A  
21 REDUCTION IN FORCE. I ASKED LEGAL COUNSEL, AM I ALLOWED TO  
22 HIRE BACK ON A REDUCTION FORCE LIST FOR 30 DAYS, TEACHERS OR  
23 ALSO HIRE SUBSTITUTES. HIS OPINION IS THAT IF A LAID-OFF  
24 EMPLOYEE WERE TO ACCEPT AN OFFER OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AND  
25 SIGN A CONTRACT, IT WOULD NOT PREVENT THE EMPLOYEE FROM LATER



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1 CLAIMING THAT HE OR SHE HAD EFFECTIVELY BEEN REAPPOINTED. SO  
2 IN THE SUMMARY, WE OWNED THOSE TEACHERS NOT JUST FOR 30 DAYS  
3 BUT FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. SO THAT WOULD END, IF I HIRED BACK 10  
4 OR 15 TEACHERS, IT WOULD END UP CLOSE TO A MILLION DOLLARS.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT IF THEY CAME BACK ONLY AS SUBSTITUTES?

7

8 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** I ASKED THAT QUESTION. IT'S THE SAME  
9 THING. THEY WOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED TO BE OWNED BY THE COUNTY  
10 OFFICE.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHY?

13

14 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** THAT'S THE WAY THE ED CODE READS. WE EVEN  
15 ASKED, "WELL, WHAT IF THEY SIGNED TO THAT EFFECT, THAT THEY'RE  
16 WILLING DOING INTO A TEMPORARY CONTRACT?"

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THIS THE COUNTY COUNSEL?

19

20 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** NO. THAT'S OUR LEGAL COUNSEL THAT WORKS ON  
21 THE REDUCTION FORCE BECAUSE IT'S A VERY COMPLICATED SYSTEM IN  
22 THE ED CODE ABOUT WHEN TEACHERS ARE NOTIFIED--

23



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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT THE POINT IS THAT IF YOU  
2   CREATE A SEPARATE CONTRACT WITH AN INDIVIDUAL, SHOULDN'T THAT  
3   CONTRACT GOVERN?

4

5   **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** THIS IS WHAT HE STATES, THAT IN ESSENCE--

6

7   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET ME GET THAT FOR TO OUR COUNTY COUNSEL.

8

9   **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE NATURE OF  
10   L.A.C.O.E., THEY HAVE HAD OUTSIDE COUNSEL--

11

12   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, I UNDERSTAND, BUT IF, IN FACT, TWO  
13   INDIVIDUALS OR AN ENTITY AND AN INDIVIDUAL WERE TO ENTER INTO  
14   A CONTRACT, WOULDN'T THAT BE THE GOVERNANCE OF THAT SITUATION?  
15   WHY WOULD THAT BIND A L.A.C.O.E. TO ANY OTHER ASPECTS OF A  
16   CONTRACT IF THEY'VE ONLY--

17

18   **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** WE CAN CERTAINLY LOOK AT IT  
19   INDEPENDENTLY AND LOOK AT THE PROVISIONS IN THE EDUCATION CODE  
20   AND IF THERE IS ANY OTHER WAY TO ASSIST THEM. I KNOW  
21   L.A.C.O.E. WISHES TO MAKE A MONTHLY CONTRACT. THEY WOULD  
22   PREFER TO DO THAT IF THEY CAN. THEIR COUNSEL, WHO WAS AN  
23   EXPERT IN THAT AREA, HAS TOLD THEM THEY CAN'T. WE'D BE HAPPY  
24   TO--

25



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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M WORRIED THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT  
2   UNDER ANY PROVISION FOR THE L.I.N.O.E. CONTRACT. A CONTRACT IS  
3   A CONTRACT, AND THE FACT THAT YOU WOULD MAKE A-- YOU COULD  
4   CLEARLY STATE OUT ALL ASPECTS OF THAT, WHY THAT WOULD MAKE IT  
5   BINDING FOR A WHOLE YEAR IF THAT IS A VERY SPECIFIED -- AND  
6   THOSE PEOPLE THAT DON'T WISH TO ENTER INTO INTO IT DON'T HAVE  
7   TO. I AM VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING AT LEAST A 30-DAY  
8   CONTINUANCE TO EXPLORE ALL THE OTHER OPTIONS, BUT IF THAT'S  
9   ALL THIS IS IS POTENTIALLY A LEGAL PROBLEM.

10

11   **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** NO. IT'S MORE THAN THAT, SUPERVISOR.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, I DON'T HAVE THAT LEGAL OPINION. I  
14   JUST HAVE A STATEMENT FROM YOUR LAWYERS, AND IT DOESN'T  
15   SATISFY ME.

16

17   **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** WE WOULD GLADLY SHARE OUR LEGAL OPINION  
18   WITH YOU.

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK IT'S A LEGAL OPINION. I JUST  
21   THINK IT'S A SIMPLE ANSWER. WHY IS IT THAT IS BINDING UNDER  
22   WHATEVER GOVERNANCE RULE THAT YOU HAVE? IF YOU HAVE A  
23   CONTRACT, YOU WANT TO MAKE A CONTRACT WITH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO  
24   YOU CONTRACTED WITH IN THE PAST, I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THAT  
25   CONTRACT WOULD NOW HAVE A WHOLE DIFFERENT VIEW.



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2 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** THERE'S NO AUTHORIZATION IN ED CODE TO  
3 HIRE TEMPORARY CONTRACT EMPLOYEES UNLESS THERE'S A VACANT  
4 POSITION, AND IF IT'S A VACANT POSITION, THE ED CODE IN  
5 REDUCTION FORCE REQUIRES THAT I GO BACK TO THOSE THAT WE LAID  
6 OFF IN THE REDUCTION FORCE AND THEN THEY ARE GUARANTEED, WHEN  
7 THEY'RE REHIRED, A JOB FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND YOUR LAWYER CAN'T FIND A WAY THAT WE  
10 COULD CREATE A TEMPORARY SITUATION UNDER THE ED CODE FOR 30  
11 DAYS TO HAVE SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS COME IN, WHICH ALL TEACHERS  
12 WOULD BE.

13

14 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** NOT AT THE RISK OF THEM CLAIMING THAT IT'S  
15 THEIR JOB FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR, AND THAT'S THE WAY THE ED  
16 CODE READS, IT'S A VERY COMPLICATED--

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** KIDS ARE GOING TO SUFFER BECAUSE WE DIDN'T  
19 TAKE A LOOK AT ALL ASPECTS OF IT.

20

21 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER IS THAT I KNOW  
22 JULY 1ST IS THURSDAY, AND WE ARE WORKING WITH DISTRICTS RIGHT  
23 NOW AND GETTING CLOSE TO GETTING SOME M.O.U.S WITH THAT TO PAY  
24 FOR THE EXCESS COSTS. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING THIS BACK TO MY  
25 BOARD. THEY DON'T MEET TODAY, ON TUESDAY. THEY HAVE A FIFTH





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1 TUESDAY. THEY DON'T MEET ON A FIFTH TUESDAY-- IS TO GO BACK TO  
2 MY BOARD ON TUESDAY, JULY 6TH, BRING THIS UP, BECAUSE IT IS A  
3 BUDGET ISSUE, AND AT THIS TIME, ALLOW ANDREA TO WORK WITH OUR  
4 COUNTY COUNSEL, WITH OUR GENERAL COUNSEL, AND IF THE BOARD--  
5 AND THERE'S AN AGREEMENT THAT WE CAN, WE CAN BEGIN SCHOOL JULY  
6 7TH AND THE STUDENTS WOULD MAKE UP THOSE THREE OTHER DAYS IN  
7 THE YEAR IF WE DO OWN THEM FOR THE YEAR. THAT GIVES US AT  
8 LEAST A FEW MORE DAYS TO WORK OUT THE LEGAL ISSUE WITH OUR--  
9 I'LL GLADLY HAVE OUR ATTORNEY SPEAK TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL.  
10 THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THAT CAN HAPPEN TODAY OR TOMORROW, AND  
11 ALLOW ME TO GO BACK TO MY BOARD ON JULY 6TH AND PUT THIS ON  
12 THE AGENDA AND HAVE THEM REVIEW THAT BUDGET ITEM, BECAUSE WE  
13 JUST SUBMITTED OUR BUDGET THAT'S APPROVAL BY THE STATE, AND SO  
14 IF WE END UP HAVING TO OWN THEM, THEN THAT'S ANOTHER 1.29  
15 MILLION.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK ANY OF US ON THIS BOARD AT  
18 THIS POINT IN TIME IS ASKING YOU THAT RIGHT NOW.

19

20 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT IF THAT WOULD BE  
21 THE CASE, THAT THAT WOULD BE THE CONSENSUS FROM THE COUNTY  
22 COUNSEL, THEN THAT WOULD [INAUDIBLE] THE BOARD. THE BOARD MAY  
23 SAY, "WELL, OPEN UP THREE SITES, NOT ALL THE 20 SITES," BUT  
24 THAT WOULD GIVE MY BOARD SOME TIME ON JULY 6TH TO DISCUSS  
25 THIS, AND ALSO BY THIS WEEK, LOOK AT ONE OF THE M.O.U.S I



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1 HAVE. RIGHT NOW, I'VE SPOKEN TO QUITE A FEW SUPERINTENDENTS  
2 AND THEY ARE INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT WHAT THAT COST WOULD BE,  
3 AND DOWNEY C.D.S., AS I SHARED WITH THEM WHAT MR. LEWIS-- I  
4 SHOULDN'T SAY THEM-- WITH THE UNION THAT I WOULD GO AND FOLLOW  
5 UP WITH THE SUPERINTENDENTS. ONE SUPERINTENDENT HAS AGREED TO  
6 PAY FOR THE EXCESS COSTS, ONE OF THE DISTRICTS IS LOOKING AT  
7 IT AND PROBABLY WILL SIGN OFF, AND I SHOULD KNOW THAT BY  
8 WEDNESDAY, AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, IF I GET TWO TO SIGN OFF, I  
9 CAN RESCIND THAT POSITION, AND THEN WE GO BACK TO THE  
10 REDUCTION IN FORCE AND THE MOST SENIOR TEACHER ON THAT LIST  
11 WOULD THEN BE HIRED, AND SO WE'LL BE DOING THAT WITH MANY OF  
12 OUR SITES IN THE NEXT A COUPLE OF DAYS.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, IF THAT IS POSSIBLE, THEN  
15 ARE WE IN AGREEMENT TO ALLOW THIS TO BE CONTINUED FOR A WEEK  
16 OR TWO?

17

18 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** TWO WEEKS, JULY 13TH.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAIT A SECOND. I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO  
21 INTERRUPT, BUT ON THIS TECHNICAL QUESTION, AND I'M SORRY, I  
22 MAY HAVE MISSED SOMETHING BECAUSE I WAS DOING SOMETHING ELSE,  
23 BUT THE-- I THOUGHT YOUR CONCERN WAS THAT IF WE DIDN'T-- THAT  
24 ANYTHING BEYOND THE FIRST OF JULY WOULD COMMIT US IF WE PAID  
25 FOR ANYTHING-- IF YOU PAID FOR ANYTHING AFTER THE FIRST OF



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1 JULY, YOU'D BE COMMITTED TO IT FOR THE WHOLE YEAR. ARE YOU NOW  
2 BACKING AWAY FROM THAT?

3

4 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** NO SIR. WHAT I'M ASKING--

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO A TWO WEEK CONTINUANCE WITH NO MONEY  
7 COMMITMENT?

8

9 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** I WOULD NOT KEEP THE SITES OPEN. THEY  
10 WOULD GO-- THE STUDENTS WOULD BE SERVED--

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE TWO WEEK COMMITMENT, THE TWO WEEK  
13 EXTENSION YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS WITHOUT KEEPING THE SITES  
14 OPEN.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, BUT SHE SAID THAT THEY COULD OPEN, AND THEY  
17 WOULD MAKE UP THE DAYS.

18

19 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** WE COULD MAKE UP THE TIME AT THE SPRING  
20 OR-- THE STUDENTS WOULD NOT LOSE THOSE DAYS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, BUT WE'RE NOT MAKING THAT COMMITMENT  
23 AS PART OF THIS CONTINUANCE OF TWO WEEKS. THAT'S A DECISION TO  
24 BE MADE IN TWO WEEKS.

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1   **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** RIGHT. CORRECT.

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3   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. WE WOULD MOVE AS IS, BUT THAT IT WOULD COME  
4   BACK TO US IN TWO WEEKS. AND THEN IN THE INTERIM, HER BOARD  
5   WOULD HEAR IT, TRY AND LOOK AT IT. SHE'D CONTINUE HER  
6   DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENTS THAT SHE'S WORKING WITH,  
7   AND THEN HER LAWYER WOULD WORK WITH OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, TALK  
8   ABOUT THE CONTRACT PROVISIONS.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE GOT A PLAN.

11

12   **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** AND AGAIN, AS SOON AS I KNOW ANYTHING  
13   THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, IF TONIGHT I HEAR FROM OTHER DISTRICTS THAT  
14   ARE LOOKING AT SIGNING AN M.O.U., I WILL DEFINITELY EMAIL  
15   DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHERE WE ARE.

16

17   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR? AS WE PROCEED, IT SEEMS TO  
18   ME THAT AN ADDITIONAL ELEMENT SHOULD BE INCLUDED BY WAY OF  
19   AMENDMENT TO THE KNABE MOTION, AND THAT IS TO INCLUDE THE  
20   DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION IN THE DISCUSSIONS YOU'RE HAVING WITH  
21   L.A.U.S.D. BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT, AS I SUSPECT MOST OF US  
22   ARE, THAT MANY OF THE YOUNGSTERS WHO ATTEND THESE PARTICULAR  
23   SCHOOLS ARE RECENTLY RELEASED FROM OR OFF OF PROBATION, AND WE  
24   NEED TO KEEP OUR EYE ON THE BALL WITH RESPECT TO THE LEARNING  
25   ENVIRONMENTS IN WHICH THEY CAN MOST EFFECTIVELY SUCCEED. THERE



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1 ARE GOOD NEWS REPORTS EMANATING FROM A NUMBER OF THESE  
2 SCHOOLS. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, I THINK THE  
3 COLLABORATION IS WARRANTED AND I WOULD JUST SIMPLY HOPE THAT  
4 AS YOU MOVE FORWARD OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, THAT  
5 PROBATION WOULD BE FACTORED INTO THIS DISCUSSION. WE NEED TO  
6 BE ATTENTIVE TO ISSUES OF RECIDIVISM AND ABSENT SUCH SCHOOL  
7 ENVIRONMENTS, SUCH LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS, IT IS CLEAR AS TO  
8 WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES MIGHT VERY WELL BE. SO, MADAME CHAIR,  
9 WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THE MOTION  
10 ACCORDINGLY.

11

12 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** AND IF I JUST MAY ADD ONE COMMENT, I DID  
13 SPEAK TO L.A.U.S.D. TOO, MR. CORTINEZ, AND HE'S SUPPOSED TO  
14 GIVE ME A REPORT ABOUT PAYING FOR THE EXCESS COSTS. I'M  
15 HOPEFUL THAT THAT WILL HAPPEN. AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE'LL  
16 OPEN UP ON JULY 6TH, AND THE OTHER PIECE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO  
17 SHARE IS THAT I'VE HAD GREAT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE NEW CHIEF,  
18 CHIEF BLEVINS WORKING WITH US AND MAKING SURE THAT THE  
19 ENROLLMENT IS THERE AND HAVING THE REFERRALS TO US. THAT'S NOT  
20 BEEN THE CASE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, BUT CHIEF BLEVINS IS VERY  
21 EXCITED ABOUT WORKING WITH US AND OPENING UP C.D.S. SITES  
22 WHERE THEY MAY NOT BE RIGHT NOW, SO I'M VERY HOPEFUL.

23



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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT THE THRUST OF THE AMENDMENT IS TO  
2   FORMALIZE IT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR  
3   KNABE PUTS FORTH.

4

5   **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** I APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

6

7   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS  
8   THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US. ALL RIGHT. MS. WINNIE JACKSON,  
9   FOLLOWED BY YESSICA FUENTES, BRANDON SANTOS, FOLLOWED BY JAIME  
10   AMAYA. IF THEY'D JOIN US. MISS JACKSON, IF YOU'D BEGIN.

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12   **WINNIE JACKSON:** SUPERVISORS, I LOVE YOU ALL DEARLY. YOU KNOW  
13   THAT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I'VE NEVER CALLED YOU FOR  
14   CHILDREN THAT YOU DID NOT COME. OR YOU, SUPERVISOR  
15   YAROSLAVSKY. NOR YOU, MS. MOLINA, AND I'M GETTING TO KNOW  
16   SUPERVISOR THOMAS. I KNEW HIM IN ANOTHER CAPACITY. AND IN THE  
17   ABSENCE, SUPERVISOR KNABE. AMAZING PEOPLE. I AM NOT GOING TO  
18   CRY, BUT I SAY OF YOU OF A CERTAINTY, YOU HAVE NEVER, EVER  
19   FAILED ME WITH CHILDREN. THIS IS A SERIOUS SITUATION, BECAUSE  
20   IF YOU PUT THESE KIDS BACK OUT ON THE STREETS WITH ALL THAT IS  
21   GOING ON, WE ARE AT GREAT RISK. YOU KNOW THAT AND I KNOW THAT.  
22   I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THANK YOU THAT YOU WOULD EVEN LISTEN TO  
23   THEM AND LISTEN TO ME AND THOSE THAT SPEAK BEFORE YOU. YOU ARE  
24   THE VOICE. I'M JUST A PERSON. YOU'RE THE MOST POWERFUL ENTITY  
25   THAT I KNOW FOR THESE BABIES. IF YOU DON'T FIGHT FOR THEM, I



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1 DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO, SO I JUST CAME TO SAY THANK YOU  
2 FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN TO THEM, FOR EVERYTHING THAT  
3 YOU'VE RECEIVED, FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO ON  
4 THEIR BEHALF. IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT THEY KNOW THAT YOU ARE  
5 THEIR SUPERVISOR AND THAT YOU ARE FIGHTING FOR THEM. I WANT  
6 YOU TO LISTEN TO WHAT THESE BABIES HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **YESSICA FUENTES:** HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS YESSICA FUENTES.  
9 I GO TO MISSION INDEPENDENT STUDIES AND IT REALLY HELPED ME,  
10 BECAUSE I HAVE A DAUGHTER. HER NAME IS VIENI. THANKS TO  
11 MISSION INDEPENDENT STUDIES, I GRADUATED BECAUSE THEY HAVE A  
12 CHILD CARE WHERE I CAN SEE MY DAUGHTER AT THE SAME TIME. MY  
13 EXPERIENCE WAS, WHEN I WENT TO OPTIONS FOR YOUTH, I WASN'T  
14 ABLE TO TAKE MY DAUGHTER TO SCHOOL AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE A  
15 CHILD CARE, SO WHEN I HEARD ABOUT MISSION INDEPENDENT STUDIES,  
16 I ASKED MY MOM TO TAKE ME THERE. THANKS TO THEM, I WAS ABLE TO  
17 GRADUATE. [CRYING] BECAUSE I GET A ONE TO ONE TUTOR WHICH I  
18 DIDN'T HAVE AT ANOTHER SCHOOL. AND IF YOU CLOSE IT, WHAT'S  
19 GOING TO HAPPEN TO EVERYBODY? THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET THE  
20 CHANCE TO GRADUATE BECAUSE THEY WON'T EVEN HAVE A BABY-SITTER  
21 OR THEY WON'T EVEN GET THE HELP THAT I GOT AT MISSION  
22 INDEPENDENT STUDIES, SO PLEASE DON'T CLOSE IT DOWN.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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1   **JAIME AMAYA:** I JUST WANT TO GIVE YOU GUYS THANKS FOR THE  
2   OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK OUT THIS NICE, WONDERFUL SCHOOL, MISSION  
3   INDEPENDENT STUDIES. EVER SINCE I'VE GONE THERE, I'VE BEEN  
4   DOING PRETTY GOOD. I CAUGHT UP WITH A LOT OF THINGS. THEY  
5   SHOWED ME A LOT OF I DIDN'T KNOW. THEY CAUGHT ME UP TO WHERE  
6   I'M SUPPOSED TO BE, THEY ALWAYS GIVE ME THE TIME. SO I WASN'T  
7   REALLY GOING TO SCHOOL UNTIL I GOT THERE. MY BROTHER, HE TOLD  
8   ME ABOUT THIS SCHOOL, SO IT STARTED HELPING ME OUT. I THOUGHT  
9   I WAS REALLY GOING TO GRADUATE, BUT IT WAS REAL AWFUL WHEN  
10   THEY TOLD ME THAT THEY WERE GOING TO CLOSE IT DOWN, SO I  
11   DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO. SO I JUST WANT TO ASK YOU  
12   GUYS TO HELP US OUT A LITTLE AND HOPEFULLY YOU GUYS KEEP THE  
13   SCHOOL OPEN.

14

15   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

16

17   **BRANDON SANTOS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS BRANDON SANTOS, AND I'M  
18   CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN MISSION INDEPENDENT STUDIES. I AM A  
19   STUDENT THAT NEEDS HELP WITH MY HOMEWORK, AND MY SCHOOL GIVES  
20   ME THE ONE ON ONE TUTOR THAT OTHER SCHOOLS WOULDN'T. I'VE  
21   TRIED A REGULAR SCHOOL, BUT REGULAR HIGH SCHOOLS REALLY DON'T  
22   HELP ME OUT. IF YOU CLOSE THIS SCHOOL, THEN I MIGHT NOT HAVE  
23   THE CHANCE TO GRADUATE. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OTHER STUDENTS  
24   BEFORE ME? SO PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE AND THINK OF WHAT WILL



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1 HAPPEN TO US AT MISSION INDEPENDENT STUDIES. THANK YOU FOR  
2 YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NEXT WE HAVE RUDY  
5 SPIVERY, MARK LEWIS, PAM WRIGHT AND LOLA SKELTON, IF THEY'D  
6 JOIN US.

7

8 **MARK LEWIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARK LEWIS, SUPERVISOR  
9 MOLINA. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO US AND THANK YOU FOR  
10 HEARING THE PLIGHT OF THE CHILDREN THAT YOU JUST HEARD FROM.  
11 THERE ARE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS MORE, AND JUST THANKS TO ALL  
12 OF YOU FOR LISTENING AND TAKING THE TIME, PARTICULARLY TO YOUR  
13 STAFFS. WE HAVE MADE A PESTSOF OURSELVES OVER THE LAST WEEK OR  
14 10 DAYS, AND PLYING THE EIGHTH FLOOR BACK AND FORTH. THEY HAVE  
15 WORKED WITH US DILIGENTLY, THEY HAVE LISTENED, THEY HAVE  
16 HEARD, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENTS.  
17 THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY THAT WOULD OUTSHINE WHAT THOSE THREE  
18 KIDS HAD TO SAY, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HEARING.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, MR. SPIVERY?

21

22 **RUDY SPIVERY:** HOW ARE YOU DOING, SUPERVISOR. LET'S SEE WHAT  
23 THE TIME IS. GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. I'M TIRED. I'VE BEEN AT  
24 THIS FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS NOW, AND I JUST WANT TO THANK  
25 EVERYBODY. I'M LOOKING AT ALL THE FACES THAT I'VE MET



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1 PERSONALLY OVER THE LAST THREE WEEKS IN THEIR OFFICES. I'M A  
2 TEACHER AND TECHNICALLY TOMORROW IS MY LAST DAY ON THE JOB. I  
3 HAVE A R.I.F. LETTER, AND UNLESS SOMETHING HAPPENS FROM THIS  
4 BODY AND DR. ROBLES AND HER STAFF, I'LL BE LOOKING FOR WORK ON  
5 THURSDAY. BUT, ONCE AGAIN, LIKE I SAD THE LAST TIME THAT I WAS  
6 HERE, IT'S NOT ABOUT ME, I FEEL REALLY GOOD ABOUT THIS, A LOT  
7 OF JOY, A LOT OF HARD WORK, BUT TO COME TO THIS DAY TO HEAR  
8 DR. ROBLES, AND WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER, AND I'VE GOT RESPECT  
9 FOR YOU, DR. ROBLES, BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO  
10 THE RIGHT THING FOR THESE CHILDREN. MANY OF THEM HAVE SO MUCH  
11 THEY WANT TO SAY TO YOU BUT DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT THEY'RE DOING  
12 IT IN THEIR DEEDS, THEY'RE DOING IT IN THEIR STUDIES, THEY'RE  
13 DOING IT IN THE CLASSROOM, THEY'VE SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVED. I  
14 DON'T KNOW IF YOU SAW FOX LETTER NEWS THE OTHER DAY, THAT WAS  
15 ME RUNNING AROUND IN THE CLASSROOM. IT'S A JOY TO GO TO WORK  
16 EVERY DAY AND WORK WITH THE DOWNEY LEARNING CENTER FOR CHANGE,  
17 IS WHAT WE CALL IT, AND IN YESTERDAY'S NEWSPAPER ARTICLE. I  
18 JUST WANT TO SAY TO ALL OF YOU, PLEASE, WE SAY NO CHILD LEFT  
19 BEHIND, AND EVERYBODY HAS A DIFFERENT PATH, BUT ALL OF US ARE  
20 TRYING TO WORK WITH OUR KIDS. WE HONORED ALL THESE KIDS THIS  
21 MORNING. LET'S NOT FORGET ABOUT THE LESS FORTUNATE, IF THAT IS  
22 REALLY WHAT THEY ARE, BECAUSE I SEE THEM AS BEING SUPER, SUPER  
23 STUDENTS, BUT I AM JUST OVERWHELMED TODAY, MY HEART IS FULL  
24 AGAIN. I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR SUPPORTING US AND JUST  
25 LISTENING TO US AND FOR THESE KIDS, FOR THESE KIDS. NOW, I'M



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1 NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT A 30-DAY. I'M TALKING ABOUT LET'S KEEP  
2 IT GOING, NOT JUST 30 DAYS, I ASK FOR THREE MONTHS, AND I'D  
3 LIKE TO THEN ASK FOR MORE, BECAUSE EVEN WHEN I LISTEN TO MR.  
4 FLORES IN HIS ARTICLE YESTERDAY, HE SAID IF IT WASN'T FOR  
5 BUDGET REASONS, WE'D OPEN UP MORE OF THESE SCHOOLS. NOW THAT'S  
6 THE MESSAGE. THESE SCHOOL REALLY HAVE A PURPOSE, AND EACH OF  
7 US GET UP EVERY MORNING WITH A PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE. OUR  
8 SCHOOLS ARE PART OF THAT MOVEMENT, AND SO I'M JUST SAYING TO  
9 ALL OF YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND  
10 DON'T FORGET OUR CHILDREN.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS WRIGHT?

13

14 **PAM WRIGHT:** MY NAME IS PAM WRIGHT AND I AM EMPLOYED BY THE  
15 L.A. COUNTY OF EDUCATION. I AM A TEACHER RESPONSIBLE FOR  
16 MISSION INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM IN POMONA. THE THREE  
17 STUDENTS YOU JUST HEARD FROM ARE MY STUDENTS AND I HAVE TO  
18 SAY, I AM REALLY OVERWHELMINGLY PROUD OF MY STUDENTS. I  
19 STARTED THIS PROGRAM IN MAY OF 2006 BECAUSE THERE WAS A NEED  
20 IN THE COMMUNITY FOR PARENTING TEENS THAT HAD NO OTHER PLACE  
21 TO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL. THESE STUDENTS CANNOT ATTEND  
22 TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS OR OTHER ALTERNATIVES BECAUSE THEY NEED  
23 CHILD CARE, AND MANY OF THEM HAVE JOBS. WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF  
24 STARTING THIS PROGRAM, I HAD ENROLLED 28 STUDENTS. SINCE MAY  
25 OF 2006, WE HAVE HAD 66 GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL, WE HAVE



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1 CONSISTENTLY HAD AN ENROLLMENT OF 20 TO 22 STUDENTS, AND WE  
2 MAINTAIN A WAITING LIST. ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF MY STUDENTS  
3 PASS THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM AND 100 PERCENT OF  
4 MY STUDENTS GRADUATE. OVER 90 PERCENT OF MY STUDENTS ARE  
5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AND THEY ALL COME TO MISSION  
6 INDEPENDENT STUDY BEHIND IN HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS. IN ADDITION,  
7 NEARLY EVERY STUDENT ENTERS OUR PROGRAM READING FAR BELOW  
8 GRADE LEVEL. MISSION INDEPENDENT STUDY IS A 12-MONTH PROGRAM  
9 THAT HELPS STUDENTS BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THREE SEMESTERS IN A  
10 12-MONTH PERIOD OF TIME. INDEPENDENT STUDY ALLOWS FOR THE  
11 FLEXIBILITY OF STUDENTS THAT HAVE CHILDREN AND/OR JOBS IN THAT  
12 WE WORK WITH THEM ON THEIR SCHEDULE. IF THEY ARE ABLE TO FIND  
13 SOMEONE TO BABY-SIT WHILE THEY GO TO SCHOOL, THIS HELPS, OR IF  
14 THEY NEED BRING THEIR BABY, WE ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO SO. MOST  
15 ALL OF OUR STUDENTS WANT TO ATTEND SCHOOL AT LEAST THREE OR  
16 FOUR DAYS A WEEK, AND FOR THREE OR FOUR HOURS EACH TIME THAT  
17 THEY COME. WE'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE ONE-ON-ONE INSTRUCTION AND  
18 STUDENTS VERY QUICKLY REALIZE THEY'RE GOING TO GET THE HELP  
19 THEY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. IN ADDITION TO THE TEACHER, WE  
20 HAVE FEDERAL MONEY THROUGH TITLE 1 THAT PAYS FOR A TUTOR WHO  
21 ALSO WORKS ONE-ON-ONE WITH EACH STUDENT. THE TUTOR WORKS AT  
22 THE SITE WITH OUR STUDENTS AND THEREFORE EACH STUDENT HAS  
23 EVERYTHING THEY NEED TO BE A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT. WE REALIZE  
24 THAT IT IS NOT JUST THE ACADEMIC NEEDS THAT ARE IMPORTANT  
25 BECAUSE IF WE OVERLOOK THOSE BASIC NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL, WE



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1 KNOW THAT THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO FOCUS ON LEARNING. THEREFORE,  
2 IT IS IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT DELIVERS A  
3 NURTURING, CARING, SAFE ENVIRONMENT THAT CAN ALSO CONNECT  
4 STUDENTS WITH ALL THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO MEET EACH OF THE  
5 INDIVIDUAL NEEDS. OUR STUDENTS KNOW THAT WE WILL TAKE CARE OF  
6 THEM, AND AS A RESULT, SCHOOL BECOMES A FAMILY FOR OUR  
7 STUDENTS. OUR STUDENTS KNOW THAT--

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE?

10

11 **PAM WRIGHT:**-- THIS TEACHER IS THEIR SUCCESS, AND I WANT TO  
12 THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS ITEM AND HEARING THE VOICE OF  
13 THOSE OF WHO OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE HEARD.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. COULD WE ALSO HAVE  
16 BRITNEY KABAKOFF. I'M SORRY, I APOLOGIZE FOR MISPRONOUNCING  
17 YOUR LAST NAME. MISS SKELTON.

18

19 **LOLA SKELTON:** HI. I'M LOLA SKELTON AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING  
20 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CAL S.A.F.E. PROGRAMS AS WELL AS  
21 ADVOCATING FOR THE STUDENTS OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. I HAVE WORKED  
22 WITH THE PROGRAMS SINCE THE INCEPTION BACK IN THE EARLY 1990S.  
23 L.A.C.O.E. ESTABLISHED THE P.M.P., PREGNANT MINORS PROGRAM, IN  
24 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IN NOVEMBER OF 1992. WHEN THE PROGRAM  
25 TRANSITIONED, THIS PROGRAM TRANSITIONED INTO THE CAL S.A.F.E.



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1 PROGRAM, THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL AGE FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM.  
2 L.A.C.O.E. AT THIS TIME AS WELL TRANSITIONED THEIR PROGRAMS.  
3 THE TRANSITION INCLUDED THE FATHERS INTO THE PROGRAM AND  
4 LENGTHENED THE DURATION THAT THE STUDENTS COULD RECEIVE  
5 ASSISTANCE FROM THE PROGRAM. THE INTENT OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO  
6 PROVIDE A RIGOROUS HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION FOR PARENTING TEENS  
7 WHILE ADDRESSING THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS AT RISK. WE  
8 NEED NOT ONLY PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, WE ARE  
9 COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE TEENAGERS  
10 AND THEIR CHILDREN. WE PROVIDE THEM WITH PARENTING AND LIFE  
11 SKILLS, TOOLS THAT WILL HELP THEM DISCOVER WHO THEY ARE AS  
12 YOUNG MOTHERS AND FATHERS AS THEY FACE TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES  
13 AND RESPONSIBILITIES AT A VERY VULNERABLE TIME IN THEIR LIVES.  
14 OUR GOAL IS TO HELP THESE TEENS CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION, FIND  
15 JOB TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN TO BECOME  
16 NURTURING PARENTS AS THEY CONTINUE TO GROW AND DEVELOP INTO  
17 RESPONSIBLE ADULTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY  
18 OVER THE LAST 18 YEARS PLAYED A HUGE ROLE IN THESE STUDENTS'  
19 LIVES THAT HELP THEM DISCOVER WHO THEY ARE WHILE GUIDING THEM  
20 TO DO BETTER FOR THEMSELVES AND FIND PASSION IN THEIR  
21 PARENTING AND LIFE. THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CAL S.A.F.E. PROGRAMS  
22 ARE DEDICATED TO THE BETTERMENT OF OUR STUDENTS WHILE  
23 MAINTAINING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND WILLINGNESS TO MEET THE  
24 STUDENTS' NEEDS WHERE THEY ARE WHEN THEY COME TO US, YET  
25 HOLDING HIGH EXPECTATIONS THAT THESE STUDENTS WILL RISE AND





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1 EXCEED THE STATE STANDARDS SET FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. I  
2 CERTAINLY DO UNDERSTAND THAT AT THIS TIME ALL OF EDUCATION IS  
3 FACING A CHALLENGING TIME TO PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION WHILE  
4 MAINTAINING A SOLVENT BUDGET. I AM CONFIDENT THAT A SOLVENT  
5 BUDGET CAN BE OBTAINED WITHOUT ELIMINATING PROGRAMS THAT WOULD  
6 HAVE A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON OUR AT-RISK STUDENTS, AND THEIR  
7 CHILDREN. IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PRESENTLY THERE ARE  
8 L.A.C.O.E. OWNED CLASSROOMS ON FOUR HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUSES.  
9 UTILIZING THESE CLASSROOMS WOULD CUT DOWN ON THE OVERHEAD,  
10 WHICH WOULD HELP THE COSTS OF RUNNING THE PROGRAMS. BY RE-  
11 ESTABLISHING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
12 HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, WE MIGHT APPROACH THEM FOR THE EXCESS  
13 COSTS, KEEPING IN MIND--

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS SKELTON, DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE  
16 YOUR REMARKS?

17

18 **LOLA SKELTON:** KEEPING IN MIND THAT THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES THEM  
19 THE SERVICE THAT PREVENTS AN INCREASE IN THEIR DROP-OUT RATES.  
20 I AM CONVINCED ALL OF US NEED TO BE A CATALYST FOR A BETTER  
21 FUTURE IN OUR SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MISS SKELETON. NEXT WE  
24 HAVE BRITTANY KABAKOFF.

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1   **BRITTANY KABAKOFF:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY  
2   NAME IS BRITTANY KABAKOFF AND I HAVE BEEN A TUTOR AT MISSION  
3   INDEPENDENT STUDIES FOR THREE YEARS. IT SADDENS AND ANGERS ME  
4   TO HEAR THAT THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSING TOMORROW. MOST IF NOT  
5   ALL OF DR. WRIGHT'S STUDENTS WILL NEVER GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL  
6   BECAUSE OF THIS OBSTACLE. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU A FEW  
7   OF THE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT STUDENTS WHO COULD NOT  
8   BE WITH US TODAY ARE FACING ,IN ADDITION TO THE THREE YOU HAVE  
9   ALREADY HEARD FROM. CLAUDIA FLORES, AN 18-YEAR-OLD SPECIAL ED  
10   STUDENT AND MOTHER OF A BEAUTIFUL BABY BOY, CAME TO US READING  
11   AT A KINDERGARTEN LEVEL ONE YEAR AGO. CLAUDIA HAS MADE  
12   INCREDIBLE PROGRESS THROUGH HER WORK WITH DR. WRIGHT AND  
13   MYSELF. BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT THAT OUR INDEPENDENT  
14   STUDY CLASSROOM AFFORDS, CLAUDIA NOW READS INDEPENDENTLY AT A  
15   SECOND GRADE LEVEL. OUR SCHOOL IS THE ONLY SCHOOL THAT CAN  
16   GIVE CLAUDIA THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION, LOVE, SUPPORT AND  
17   UNDERSTANDING THAT CLAUDIA NEEDS. I MEET WITH CLAUDIA TWICE A  
18   WEEK TO COMPLETE PHONICS AND READING COMPREHENSION ACTIVITIES  
19   IN ADDITION TO HER ASSIGNMENTS. IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR  
20   CLAUDIA TO COMPLETE ASSIGNMENTS INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT THIS  
21   INTERVENTION AND INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENTION. AMY TORRES AND JOEL  
22   GARCIA ARE THE PARENTS OF TWO LITTLE BOYS AND ARE EXPECTING A  
23   THIRD. OUR RECENT ULTRASOUND HAS REVEALED THAT THIS CHILD WILL  
24   BE MENTALLY IMPAIRED. THIS COUPLE HAS VERY LITTLE SUPPORT FROM  
25   THEIR EXTENDED FAMILY AND HAS RELIED ON THEIR SCHOOL FAMILY TO



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1 PROVIDE THE LOVE AND SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED TO COMPLETE THEIR  
2 EDUCATION AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. THE LAST THING THEY NEED  
3 RIGHT NOW IS TO DEAL WITH BEING ABANDONED BY THEIR SCHOOL.  
4 THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO GRADUATE IN DECEMBER 2010. WITH THE  
5 BIRTH OF THE NEW BABY ON THE HORIZON, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE  
6 TWO WILL NOW EVER WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO AS BOTH WERE EXPELLED  
7 FROM THEIR HOME SCHOOLS AND HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL AT OTHER  
8 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS. THESE STUDENTS' STORIES ARE JUST A SAMPLE  
9 OF THE EFFECTS OF THE CLOSURE. I COULD EASILY RELATE SIMILAR  
10 HEARTBREAKING EXCERPTS ABOUT EACH OF OUR STUDENTS AND THE  
11 DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF THE CLOSURE AS WELL AS THE OUTSTANDING  
12 SUCCESSES WE HAVE HAD WITH AT RISK YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY. WE  
13 ARE WELL KNOWN AND RESPECTED BY LOCAL FAMILIES AND SOCIAL  
14 SERVICES AGENCIES. OUR CONSISTENT HIGH ENROLLMENT AND 100  
15 PERCENT GRADUATION RATE HAS PROVEN US TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART  
16 OF THE COMMUNITY. I BEG YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION TO  
17 CLOSE THE SCHOOL. IT IS UNFAIR FOR YOU TO TAKE AWAY THE ONLY  
18 EDUCATIONAL OPTION OUR STUDENTS HAVE LEFT AND TO DEPRIVE THEM  
19 OF A DIPLOMA. THANK YOU.

20  
21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES OUR TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM.  
22 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION AS AMENDED? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THIS  
23 ITEM. IT'S CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS, BUT IN THE INTERIM, THEY  
24 ARE GOING TO-- SUPERINTENDENT ROBLES ASSURED US THAT SHE'S  
25 GOING TO BE CARRYING OUT CERTAIN THINGS AND THEN OUR LAWYERS



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1 ARE GOING TO MEET THEIR LAWYERS. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. ALL  
2 RIGHT. I THINK THE LAST ITEM WE HAVE IS ITEM 20. ALL RIGHT.  
3 ITEM 20. WE HAVE TWO SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. I'M GOING TO ASK  
4 WILLIAM LEGERE AS WELL AS GABRIEL WASHINGTON TO PLEASE JOIN  
5 US. PLEASE BEGIN. MR. LEGERE?

6

7 **WILLIAM LEGERE:** WILLIAM LEGERE FROM THE BLACK COALITION, L.A.  
8 COUNTY. I LIVE IN BALDWIN PARK, CALIFORNIA. I'M GOING TO SPEAK  
9 ON ITEM 20. I WAS LISTENING TO THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER ABOUT THE  
10 ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL, HELPING OUR CHILDREN. AS YOU KNOW,  
11 MANY MINORITY CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN  
12 END UP IN FOSTER CARE. I HAVE BEEN IN FOSTER CARE MYSELF AND  
13 WE SHOULD NOT ABANDON OUR CHILDREN. I CHOOSE THIS ITEM 20  
14 BECAUSE IT WOULD KEEP PARENTS AND CHILDREN OUT OF D.C.S.,  
15 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES, AND IT'S A TRAGEDY THAT MANY  
16 CHILDREN ARE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEIR PARENTS, MAYBE BECAUSE  
17 THEIR PARENTS HAD A PREDISPOSING MENTAL ILLNESS OR MAYBE  
18 THERE'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR MAYBE THEY HAVE BEEN ABUSING THEIR  
19 CHILDREN, AND SO TRAGEDY, THEIR CHILDREN ARE TAKEN AWAY,  
20 PARTICULARLY IF THE PARENTS HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS, LIKE  
21 SCHIZOPHRENIA OR BIPOLAR DISORDER OR SCHIZOAFFECTIVE DISORDER  
22 AND THE STATE OR THE COUNTY CANNOT TAKE CARE OF THEIR  
23 CHILDREN, AND SO THEIR CHILDREN ARE TAKEN AWAY. AND SO YOU AS  
24 THE SUPERVISOR, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY FOR THIS COUNTY, THAT  
25 YOU WILL STRENGTHEN THIS PROGRAM AND KEEP THESE CHILDREN IN



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1 THE CARE OF THEIR PARENTS, BECAUSE THEY ARE THEIR PARENTS,  
2 EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY HAVE CHALLENGES THEMSELVES, MAYBE MENTAL  
3 CHALLENGES, MAYBE PHYSICAL CHALLENGES, BUT KEEP THE PARENTS  
4 WITH THE CHILDREN. I STRONGLY BELIEVE CHILDREN, THAT CHILDREN  
5 SHOULD BE RAISED BY THEIR PARENTS, NOT BY THE DATE AND NOT BY  
6 D.C.F.S., BUT BY THEIR PARENTS. THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SAY.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MR. WASHINGTON.

9

10 **GABRIEL WASHINGTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, GLORIA, AND ALL THE  
11 SUPERVISORS, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. MY NAME IS GABRIEL RENE  
12 WASHINGTON, AND THIS IS MY WIFE, MALIA WASHINGTON. I'M A  
13 MINISTER WE'RE THE MOTHER AND FATHER OF CRISTINA AND CHASTITY  
14 WASHINGTON. I WAS BORN HERE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN  
15 GENERAL HOSPITAL AND BOTH OF OUR NEWBORN DAUGHTERS WERE  
16 DETAINED FROM THE HOSPITAL SHORTLY AFTER BIRTH AND WE'RE IN  
17 THE COURT OF APPEAL IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND OUR  
18 APPELLATE ATTORNEY IS ANN FERGOSSO, AS P.O. BOX 234127,  
19 LUCADIA, CALIFORNIA, 92023. HER TELEPHONE IS 760-809-4661,  
20 LEUCADIA IS L-E-U-C-A-D-I-A. AS A MINISTER, I DO PROFESS THE  
21 GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST. I BROUGHT A PICTURE OF MY DAUGHTER,  
22 CHASTITY, AND IT SAYS IN ACTS 4:12, "NEITHER IS THEIR  
23 SALVATION IN ANY OTHER BECAUSE THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME UNDER  
24 HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN WHEREBY WE MUST HAVE SAVED." AND AS A  
25 BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIAN, MY WIFE AND I HAVE A DEEP BELIEF IN



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1 CHRIST AND OUR DAUGHTERS ARE BASICALLY BEING WITHHELD BECAUSE  
2 WE'VE BEEN ACCUSED OF DRUGS AND VIOLENCE AND THINGS THAT WERE  
3 NEVER FOUND TO BE TRUE. THEY'RE FALSE ALLEGATIONS. THE COURT  
4 HAS AGREED WITH US, WE'RE NOT DRUG USERS, YET THE STORY THAT  
5 WAS GIVEN TO D.C.F.S. BY A CALLER IS BEING RECANTED, AND WITH  
6 MY WIFE JUST RECENTLY GIVING BIRTH AND OUR KIDS BEING TAKEN  
7 AWAY, WE WERE ABLE TO GET OUR PARENTING CERTIFICATES AND DO  
8 THE THINGS AS MUCH AS WE COULD THAT THE COURT REQUIRED. WE  
9 WERE GIVEN A DIAGNOSIS OF MENTAL ILLNESS FROM VARIOUS  
10 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO BE CLEARED. WE  
11 STRUGGLED WITH HAVING OUR KIDS TAKEN AND WE'RE JUST ASKING  
12 THAT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS OR GLORIA, IF YOU COULD MAKE A  
13 PHONE CALL TO OUR ATTORNEY AND HELP US REGAIN CUSTODY. THE  
14 FALSE ALLEGATIONS ARE BEING CLEARED BUT YET WE STILL HAVEN'T  
15 BEEN ABLE TO HAVE OUR KIDS COME HOME, SO WE DO BLESS YOU AND  
16 REALIZE IT'S A BIG BUREAUCRACY AND IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS, SO  
17 WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO WORK TOGETHER TO SEE OUR CHILDREN COME  
18 HOME, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SIR, THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THIS ITEM IS  
21 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
22 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
23 ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF THE ITEMS BEFORE US. WE HAVE  
24 PUBLIC COMMENT. OH MY GOSH, WE HAVE 33 PEOPLE. 19. LOOKED LIKE  
25 33. FIRST WE HAVE JOHN KIEFER, FOLLOWED BY GABRIEL WASHINGTON.



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1 MR. WASHINGTON, YOU DON'T NEED TO SPEAK AGAIN IF YOU DON'T  
2 NEED TO. MAXCINE HARRIS AND OSBEE SANGSTER AND JEFF FOGEL, IF  
3 THEY'D JOIN US. IDA VEREEN. DEIRDRE SPIKES. IF YOU'D COME UP,  
4 PLEASE. I ONLY SEE TWO SO FAR. BERT SAAVEDRA. DO YOU WANT TO  
5 BEGIN?

6

7 **JEFF FOGEL:** WERE YOU REFERENCING ME?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES. YOUR NAME IS?

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11 **JEFF FOGEL:** CHAIRPERSON MOLINA, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M JEFF  
12 FOGEL, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. YOU HAVE MY  
13 WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION IN WHICH I PRESENTED MY ENTIRE ARGUMENT  
14 AND CITED THE SEVERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS, COUNTY  
15 ORDINANCES AND CHARTER SECTIONS THAT APPLY. ADDITIONALLY THIS  
16 MORNING, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOUR LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, ERIKA  
17 VINEGAS, SPOKE WITH ME. L.A.C.+U.S.C. HAS BILLED ME AND IS NOW  
18 BILLING ME-- IS NOW BILLING THE COUNTY FOR SERVICES THAT WERE  
19 NEVER RENDERED AND HAS REFUSED TO PROVIDE ME COMPLETE  
20 INFORMATION RESPECTING THOSE ALLEGED SERVICES. UNDER THE  
21 COUNTY CHARTER, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS REQUIRED TO CARRY  
22 OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO MITIGATE THE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC  
23 IMPACTS OF THIS INCIDENT. PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY ARE ENTITLED  
24 TO PROPER SERVICES FROM COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES. BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS SHOULD THEREFORE BE DETERMINED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT





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1   HAPPENED TO ME, WHY IT HAPPENED, AND MAKE THE CHANGES  
2   NECESSARY FOR L.A.C.+U.S.C. TO FUNCTION ADEQUATELY. THE  
3   PROBLEM AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. IS NOT, AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA PUT IT  
4   LAST WEEK, ANALOGOUS TO A FEW BAD APPLES FOULING AN OTHERWISE  
5   SOUND SYSTEM. WITH DUE RESPECT, IN ADDITION TO BEING A  
6   SOMEWHAT CLUMSY ANALOGY, IT SUGGESTS THAT THIS BOARD IS  
7   UNAWARE OF THE EXTENT AND MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM. AS DR.  
8   MCCOY FROM STAR TREK USED TO SAY, "IT'S WORSE THAN THAT."  
9   L.A.C.+U.S.C.'S PROBLEM IS MORE ANALOGOUS TO A CANCER, SLOWLY  
10   SPREADING THROUGH EVERY ORGAN AND CELL. IT'S MY OPINION AND  
11   BELIEF THAT L.A.C.+U.S.C. HAS IMPLEMENTED PRACTICE AND POLICY  
12   OF GROSSLY NEGLIGENT IF NOT FRAUDULENT BILLING AND  
13   MISMANAGEMENT TO PATIENTS' RECORDS. THE EMPLOYEES AT  
14   L.A.C.+U.S.C. WITH WHOM I DEALT ACTED KNOWINGLY, WILLFULLY AND  
15   MALICIOUSLY IN THEIR MISMANAGEMENT OF MY RECORDS, AND I  
16   BELIEVE THAT IT WAS AND REMAINS THE INTENT OF L.A.C.+U.S.C. TO  
17   DEFRAUD THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHEN I ARRIVED AT  
18   L.A.C.+U.S.C.'S DENTISTRY DEPARTMENT, I PROVIDED THE DENTIST  
19   MY OWN X-RAYS AND SAID THAT I PROBABLY NEEDED AN EXTRACTION.  
20   AFTER VIEWING THAT X-RAY FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 SECONDS, THE  
21   DENTIST CONCURRED. HOWEVER, MY TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS HAD  
22   CHANGED AT THE LAST MINUTE AND I WAS UNABLE TO UNDERGO THE  
23   PROCEDURE AT THAT TIME. I EXPLAINED THAT TO THE DENTIST AND  
24   LEFT THE OFFICE. L.A.C.+U.S.C., HOWEVER, WAS CHARGING ME AND  
25   IS NOW CHARGING THE COUNTY FOR SERVICES THAT IT NEVER



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1 PROVIDED, DEMANDING \$500 FOR A TWO-MINUTE VISIT DURING WHICH  
2 NO MEDICAL PROCEDURES WHATSOEVER WERE PROVIDED. THE FRAUDULENT  
3 APPROPRIATION OF COUNTY FUNDS CONSTITUTES EMBEZZLEMENT,  
4 DOESN'T IT? MOREOVER, L.A.C.+U.S.C. HAS REFUSED, CONTINUES TO  
5 REFUSE, TO PROVIDE ME WITH COMPLETE INFORMATION RESPECTING THE  
6 ALLEGED SERVICES, IN RESPONSE TO MY NUMEROUS WRITTEN DISPUTES  
7 AND REQUESTS FOR INSPECTION OF MEDICAL RECORDS, L.A.C.+U.S.C.  
8 REFERRED MY ACCOUNT TO A THIRD PARTY COLLECTION AGENCY.  
9 PARTIAL RESOLUTION OF THE MATTER OCCURRED WHEN I WENT TO THE  
10 FACILITY IN PERSON AND AFTER SPEAKING WITH NO LESS THAN 10  
11 EMPLOYEES OVER A COURSE OF FOUR HOURS, I OBTAINED A WRITTEN  
12 RECORD OF MY VISIT. IN THAT DOCUMENT IT STATES THAT NO  
13 EXTRACTION WAS PERFORMED. HOWEVER, L.A.C.+U.S.C. HAD  
14 PREVIOUSLY SENT ME A BILL FOR \$500 ATTACHED TO WHICH WAS A  
15 LETTER FROM THE BILLING INQUIRY UNIT STATING THAT DENTAL AND  
16 ORAL SURGERY BILLING CODE 6634 WAS PERFORMED.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. FOGEL, DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE YOUR  
19 REMARKS, PLEASE?

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21 **JEFF FOGEL:** I CAN TRY. THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY WATCHING THIS  
22 BOARD WILL BE JUDGED BY HOW IT RESPONDS. THAT'S THE  
23 OBLIGATORY--

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AGAIN, PLEASE UNDERSTAND, WE'RE  
2 TRYING TO WORK WITH YOU, BUT YOU WERE SEEN BY A MEDICAL  
3 DOCTOR. WE DON'T CHARGE BY THE MINUTE, WE CHARGE BY THE VISIT.

4  
5 **JEFF FOGEL:** I UNDERSTAND. THAT'S KIND OF EXCESSIVE.

6  
7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, MAYBE SO, BUT IT'S THE STANDARD  
8 FIGURE. THANK YOU, SIR. BUT THEY ARE WORKING WITH YOU AND  
9 TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN FIGURE THIS ALL OUT. MA'AM,  
10 YOUR NAME IS?

11  
12 **OSBEE SANGSTER:** OSBEE SANGSTER.

13  
14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU, MS. SANGSTER. PLEASE  
15 BEGIN.

16  
17 **OSBEE SANGSTER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR, BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS, STAFF AND GUESTS. ONCE AGAIN, MY NAME IS OSBEE  
19 SANGSTER. FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND CATEGORY, I SERVE ON  
20 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.R.E.P., UNREPRESENTED ETHNIC  
21 POPULATION PROGRAM SUPPORT FOR CONSUMERS, AFRICAN-AMERICANS, A  
22 MEMBER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION, L.A.C.C.C.,  
23 SERVING FOURTH TERM FOR THE METAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT, HOUSING  
24 ADVISORY BOARD AND PRESIDENT OF BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
25 CLIENT COALITION, ALL AS A VOLUNTEER. I APPEAR HERE TODAY



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1 BEFORE YOU-- I WAS HERE IN APRIL 14TH AND MAY 19TH OF 2009  
2 BECAUSE LITTLE HAS CHANGED IN OUR ISSUES AND CONCERNS BROUGHT  
3 BEFORE YOU LAST YEAR. BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT  
4 COALITION LACKS CAPACITY BUILDING AND STRATEGIC PLANNED  
5 DEVELOPMENT, OUR ROAD MAP FOR SUCCESS, NOT FAILURE. IT IS  
6 RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE AND INSTRUCT THE PROGRAM  
7 DIRECTOR OF EMPOWERMENT AND ADVOCACY OR AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR  
8 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO EXTEND THE ORIGINAL TERM OF OUR  
9 CONTRACT CALENDAR HERE ENDING JUNE 30, 2010, REQUESTING TO  
10 EXTEND 12-MONTH EXTENSION FOR YEAR 2010 AND '11. OUR STRATEGIC  
11 PLAN HAS BEEN ON HOLD WITH EMPOWERMENT AND ADVOCACY SINCE  
12 OCTOBER 2009 SINCE SUBMISSION. TOO MUCH TIME HAS ELAPSED IN  
13 DISENGAGEMENT WITHOUT REVIEW OR MODIFICATION. I QUESTION THE  
14 TRUE INTENT. YOU CAN WIN AGAINST AN ECONOMIC POWER STRUCTURE  
15 WHEN YOU HAVE THE ECONOMIC POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.  
16 INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CHANNELS OPENING, NOT  
17 SELECTIVELY CLOSED. IT IS WITHIN THIS GAMUT OF ATTITUDE FOR  
18 CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION WHERE APPROVED ACCESS AND OUTCOMES,  
19 INCLUDING SUBCONTRACTED SERVICES, CONSUMER DRIVEN AND SELF-  
20 DEVELOPMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK, KATHLEEN AUSTRIA, WHO HAS  
21 RECOGNIZED MANY OF OUR FRUSTRATIONS FIRSTHAND IN THE SHORT  
22 TIME SPAN WITH WORKING WITH HER ON NUMEROUS ISSUES. I WOULD  
23 ALSO LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD FOR HIS  
24 SUPPORT BRIEF, ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE APPELLATE COURT ON MY  
25 BEHALF. OUR ARGUMENT IS SCHEDULED JULY 1ST. HOWEVER, I NEED



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1 PRO BONO REPRESENTATION IN THIS MATTER IN ORDER TO LEVEL THE  
2 PLAYING FIELD IN SEEKING JUSTICE, IN DEFENDING CONSUMER RIGHTS  
3 WHO DESERVE BASIC FAIRNESS AND RIGHTS. MADAME CHAIR, IF YOU'LL  
4 RECALL, A COUPLE OF DECADES AGO, I APPRAISED ONE OF YOUR  
5 FAMILY PROPERTIES. IT'S NOT TOO MANY AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN  
6 THAT ARE APPRAISERS, SO I WANT YOU TO THINK BACK AND REFLECT  
7 BACK.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE SUMMARIZE, MS. SANGSTER.

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11 **OSBEE SANGSTER:** I AM TWO DAYS AWAY FROM GOING TO THE APPELLATE  
12 COURT UNREPRESENTED. IT IS DAVID AND GOLIATH CONFRONTATION  
13 CONSIDERING OUR ARGUMENT. MY INDIVIDUAL PLAN FOR EMPLOYMENT  
14 WITH DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION FOR EDUCATION TURNED MY  
15 WHOLE LIFE UPSIDE DOWN BECAUSE IT WAS POORLY WRITTEN AND  
16 EXCLUDED ME OUT OF MY APPRAISAL LICENSE. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERSHIPS SANGSTER. NEXT WE  
19 HAVE DON FRANKEN, DONNA MERIDITH, AND MAUREEN PACHECO.

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21 **BERT SAAVEDRA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BERT SAAVEDRA AND I  
22 HAVE 18 YEARS OF ALCOHOL PREVENTION EXPERIENCE, 15 OF WHICH IS  
23 PAID STAFF AND NOW AS A VOLUNTEER. I RECENTLY RETIRED. IN THE  
24 1990S, I WAS A COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS  
25 APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS, I'VE



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1 SAT ON THE ADVISORY ALCOHOL FOR STAPLES IN L.A. LIVE IN TERMS  
2 OF WRITING THE CONDITIONS FOR ALCOHOL USE AND SERVICE. MY  
3 REASON FOR BEING HERE IS TO ASK THIS BODY TO NOT RENT THE  
4 COLISEUM OR THE VENUE FOR TYPE OF RAVE PARTIES. AS YOU KNOW,  
5 THE NEWS TELLS YOU WHAT HAPPENED. BUT ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, MY  
6 GRANDSON ATTENDED A RAVE IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS ON AUGUST THE  
7 14TH. UNDER THE INFLUENCE, A PASSENGER IN A VEHICLE, FOUR  
8 YOUNG PEOPLE WERE SENT TO THE HOSPITAL. HE BECAME THE WORST  
9 BECAME THE WORST VICTIM. HE HAS A PLATE IN HIS HEAD AND HE WAS  
10 REHABILITATED AND NOW HE'S DOING 90 PERCENT TO WHERE HE WAS  
11 BEFORE. IT'S A MIRACLE. BUT WHEN HE WAS SENT TO BAKERSFIELD  
12 FOR COGNITIVE REHABILITATION, HE MET ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS  
13 WHO WAS A VICTIM OF THE SPORTS ARENA, HAPPENING ON NEW YEAR'S  
14 EVE AND SHE IS NOT REHABILITATED. SHE'S IN A WHEELCHAIR AND  
15 INCAPACITATED FOR LIFE. SHE'S A 17 YEAR OLD. I KNOW THAT THREE  
16 BOARD MEMBERS, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
17 KNABE, SIT ON THE COLISEUM COMMISSION, SO YOU HAVE OVERSIGHT  
18 OVER WHAT HAPPENS IN THAT VENUE. TWO WEEKS AGO, I CALLED  
19 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S OFFICE, I CALLED THE COUNTY OFFICE OF  
20 ALCOHOL PREVENTION, I CALLED SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S  
21 OFFICE TO LET THEM KNOW A HEADS UP, SOMETHING'S GOING TO  
22 HAPPEN, THE RAVE IS GOING TO BE TOO LARGE, IT'S NOT GOING TO  
23 BE HANDLED AS IT SHOULD BE. YESTERDAY AGAIN I CALLED THOSE  
24 THREE OFFICES. I ALSO CALLED THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO  
25 FIND OUT HOW MANY HOSPITALS WERE IMPACTED AND HOW MANY



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1 AMBULANCES WERE USED. THAT INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE  
2 PUBLIC OR MYSELF FOR 30 TO 60 DAYS. THE COLISEUM COMMISSION IS  
3 ON SABBATICAL FOR THE SUMMER. THEY WON'T BE BACK TILL AUGUST  
4 AND I WILL BE THERE TO TESTIFY. I ALSO CALLED ALCOHOL BEVERAGE  
5 CONTROL, BECAUSE IN READING THE INTERNET, I FOUND OUT THAT THE  
6 PROMOTER ALSO HAD PRIVATE AREAS THAT YOU COULD HAVE YOUR  
7 PRIVATE PARTIES. YOU PAID \$4,900, YOU WALKED IN WITH SIX TO  
8 EIGHT OF YOUR FRIENDS, WHO WERE GIVEN TWO FIFTHS OF VODKA AND  
9 OTHER BEVERAGES AND THEN YOU TOOK IN THE VENUE. THERE'S  
10 SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND CONDITIONS THAT WERE WRITTEN FOR  
11 STAPLES AND L.A. LIVE WHEN THEY HAVE PRIVATE SERVICE WITH WHAT  
12 THEY CALL "FULL-BOTTLE" SERVICE, SO A.B.C. SHOULD BE APPRAISED  
13 OF THIS, THERE SHOULD BE NEW CONDITIONS IF IN FACT THEY'RE  
14 GOING TO DO THIS AGAIN, AND ALSO U.S.C. DOESN'T HAVE BEER  
15 SERVED ON THE PREMISES. I DON'T KNOW WHY WE COULD SERVE BEER  
16 AND ALCOHOL. THERE'S COVERAGE IN THE NEWSPAPER, LOCAL NEWS AND  
17 OF COURSE THE INTERNET. AND YESTERDAY I WAS VERY GRATIFIED TO  
18 SEE THAT THE DIRECTORS OF THREE HOSPITALS SPOKE OUT IN  
19 OPPOSITION TO THESE RAVES. IT WAS CALIFORNIA MEDICAL CENTER,  
20 GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL AND WHITE MEMORIAL, AND I APPLAUD THEM  
21 FOR THEIR EFFORTS. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS THIS BOARD OR  
22 THIS BODY JOINING THE SAN MATEO SUPERVISORS IN PASSING A  
23 RESOLUTION TO ASK THE STATE TO PASS A LAW WHERE STATE OR  
24 COUNTY VENUES WILL NOT BE USED FOR THIS TYPE OF EVENT, AND IN  
25 THE LINGO OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE, THEY'RE CALLED ALL AGES PARTY,





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1 AND THIS EVENT ALLOWED 16-YEAR-OLDS AND ABOVE TO COME IN. AND  
2 I'M SURE THE MILLION DOLLARS THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL MADE WITH  
3 THIS EVENT DOESN'T TAKE CARE OF THE MEDICAL BILLS AND THE  
4 HARDSHIP IT'S CAUSED TO THE FAMILIES AND TO OTHER INDIVIDUALS  
5 IN THIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MR. FRANKEN?

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9 **DON FRANKEN:** I'M HERE WITH KEEP L.A. RUNNING WITH DONNA  
10 MEREDITH. WE ARE REAPPLYING FOR A FEE WAIVER. THIS EVENT, KEEP  
11 L.A. RUNNING, HAS GONE ON 17 YEARS, IT WAS STARTED AFTER THE  
12 NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE ORIGINALLY TO AID L.A. COUNTY WORKERS,  
13 S.E.I.U. 721 WORKERS, AS A FUNDRAISER FOR PEOPLE WHEN MAJOR  
14 EMERGENCIES OCCUR. THIS IS FOR HELPING PEOPLE WITH  
15 EARTHQUAKES, FLOODS, FIRES, SO FORTH. THIS YEAR, WE ARE  
16 APPLYING AGAIN FOR FEE WAIVERS FOR THE EVENT, WE'RE REQUESTING  
17 THE BEACHES AND HARBOR PERMIT OF \$150 BE WAIVED IN GROSS  
18 RECEIPTS, \$28,200 ESTIMATED, AND PUBLIC WORKS ENCROACHMENT FEE  
19 OF \$450 BE WAIVED. ALSO WE'RE REQUESTING TO USE THE COUNTY  
20 STAGE, USE OF 25 10X10 CANOPIES, 15 REGULAR PORTABLE TOILETS,  
21 HANDICAPPED-- TWO HANDICAPPED TOILETS OF 30-FOOT CUBIC ROLL-  
22 OFF DUMPSTER AND TRASH BOXES, PLUS 300 CONES, 75 BARRICADES,  
23 12 HAND HELD RADIOS, PORTABLE STAGE AND A 20-FOOT BOX TRUCK.  
24 THIS EVENT IS JULY 11 AT DOCKWEILER BEACH IN PLAYA DEL REY AND  
25 ALL ITEMS HAVE BEEN OUTLINED IN OUR REQUEST. WE'RE ALSO



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1 REQUESTING THE REDUCTION OF PARKING FEES FOR RUN PARTICIPANTS  
2 TO ONE DOLLAR, WHICH IS NORMALLY THE CASE IN MANY RUNS AT  
3 DOCKWEILER BEACH. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO FORM A REQUEST WAIVING  
4 THE FEES FOR THIS EVENT. IT'S BEEN 17 YEARS, AND AGAIN, WE'VE  
5 DONE THINGS OVER THE YEARS SUCH AS DONATING 50,000 TO THE  
6 SYLMAR FIRE VICTIMS IN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT AFTER  
7 THE LAST ROUND OF SYLMAR FIRES, AND WE HAVE RECORDS HERE OF  
8 MANY OF THE L.A. COUNTY WORKERS WHO HAVE BEEN AIDED AND WE'VE  
9 ALSO AIDED KIDS WITH CANCER, PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY WARD ACCOUNT,  
10 U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER AND OTHERS. IT'S A HEALTHY, WONDERFUL  
11 LIFESTYLE EVENT AND WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY NOW  
12 WITH L.A. COUNTY WORKERS WITH PROBLEMS, FITNESS, OBESITY AND  
13 PROPER DIET, SO WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WAIVE THE FEES AND THAT'S  
14 WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY.

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16 **DONNA MEREDITH:** HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS, MY NAME IS DONNA  
17 MEREDITH, AND I'M HERE TO STRAIGHTEN OUT. WE LEFT LITERATURE  
18 LAST WEEK WITH ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND IN THERE,  
19 WE FOUND OUT FROM DEALING WITH KURT PEDERSON THAT PART OF THE  
20 LITERATURE WAS WRONG. THE PARAGRAPH 4 IN THE LETTER TO KNABE,  
21 LINE 3, SAYS THAT S.E.I.U. WAS SPONSORING OUR EVENT. THIS WAS  
22 NOT RIGHT. THIS WAS THE FIRST YEAR THEY HAVE NOT SPONSORED IT,  
23 BUT WE WANTED TO SET IT STRAIGHT AND THE PROBLEM WAS, WE WERE  
24 COPYING PART OF LAST YEAR'S LETTER AND THAT WAS IN THERE BY  
25 ERROR. SO WE WANT TO STRAIGHTEN THAT OUT, BUT WE ARE



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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF S.E.I.U.'S MEMBERS, 721'S MEMBERS, AND THE  
2 COMMUNITY AND SO WE'RE ASKING THAT WE GET THE MOTION TO GET  
3 THIS SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD AND WE CAN GET OUT THERE AND RAISE  
4 THE FUNDS WE NEED TO RAISE TO SUPPORT ALL OF OUR PEOPLE, AND  
5 THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF DISASTER IS  
6 COMING UP. WE HAVE THIS FUND TO HELP THEM OUT AND WE'RE  
7 WORKING VERY HARD ON THAT AND WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN COME  
8 THROUGH AND GIVE US SOME SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'RE NEXT.

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12 **DEIRDRE SPIKES:** HI. MY NAME IS DEIRDRE SPIKES. I'M S.E.I.U.  
13 UNION STEWARD. I'M ON THE BOARD FOR THE 5-K RUN ALSO. I'M HERE  
14 FOR THE SUPPORT. I THINK WE SHOULD KEEP THIS EVENT GOING. I  
15 THINK IT'S A VERY, VERY GOOD EVENT FOR OUR MEMBERS, AND WE DO  
16 AID THE MEMBERS WHEN THEY'RE IN NEED, AND I JUST WANTED TO  
17 SHOW MY SUPPORT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. MAUREEN PACHECO? ELLIOTT BROWN?  
20 OSCAR JOHNSON? AND BOBBY COOPER. IS MAUREEN PACHECO HERE? MR.  
21 ELLIOTT?

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23 **ELLIOTT BROWN:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOLD ON. YOU'RE OSCAR? OKAY. BOBBY COOPER?  
2   ETHEL JOHNSON? JIM DIMOV AND WALTER BECKTEL. COME ON UP. YES,  
3   SIR?

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5   **ELLIOTT BROWN:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE BOARD. MY NAME IS ELLIOTT  
6   BROWN, AND I'M A SECURITY OFFICER AT EXPOSITION PARK D.P.S.S..  
7   I HELP PROTECT THE WORKERS THERE AND THE PUBLIC EACH DAY. I'M  
8   A MEMBER OF THE BARGAINING COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY SECURITY  
9   OFFICERS. I'M HERE TODAY ON THEIR BEHALF AND THE OFFICERS THAT  
10   WORK AT THE COUNTY FACILITIES. LAST WEEK, WE PRESENTED AN  
11   ECONOMIC PROPOSAL TO THE CONTRACTORS THAT WORK FOR THE COUNTY,  
12   WHICH IS SECURITAS IN NORTH AMERICA. OUR PROPOSAL WAS MODEST,  
13   BUT IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD MOVING A BETTER RELATIONSHIP  
14   BETWEEN US AND THE COUNTY AND THE CONTRACTORS TO LIVE A BETTER  
15   LIFE. OUR PROPOSAL IS BASIC. IT'S AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE,  
16   MODEST WAGE INCREASES, AND PAID SICK DAYS AND PAID HOLIDAYS.  
17   IT'S A STRUGGLE HAVING TO GO TO WORK WITH THE HIGH TEMPERATURE  
18   AND NOT FEELING IT WHEN IT TREMBLES. IT'S A TROUBLE HAVING TO  
19   STAY AT HOME AND BE WORRIED ABOUT MISSING EIGHT HOURS OF WORK,  
20   MISSING A BILL. FROM OUR PROPOSAL, WHAT IT MEANS TO ME IS A  
21   BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH MY WIFE AND MY FAMILY AND BETTER  
22   HEALTHCARE FOR MY FAMILY. WITH A NEW CHILD ON THE WAY, I'LL BE  
23   ABLE TO PROVIDE MEDICINE AND TAKE THEM TO THE DOCTORS AND TAKE  
24   MYSELF TO THE DOCTOR. ALTHOUGH WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR MUCH, THE  
25   CONTRACTORS HAVE NOT SIGNED OUR PROPOSALS YET. WE URGE YOU TO



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1 PLEASE STAND WITH US AND SUPPORT US AS WE GO TO THE BARGAINING  
2 TABLE WITH THEM. ONE THING THAT I WAS READING ABOUT TODAY WAS  
3 COUNTY C.E.O. RECOMMENDED A POLICY TO MAINTAIN SECURITY  
4 SERVICES IN THE EVENT THERE'S AN INTERRUPTION IN THE CONTRACT  
5 SERVICE IN ORDER TO ENSURE CONTINUAL GOOD SECURITY HERE AND AT  
6 THE COUNTY FACILITIES. AS SECURITY OFFICERS, WE KNOW THE BEST  
7 WAY TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST SECURITY STANDARDS IN THE WORKPLACE.  
8 WE WANT TO RAISE THAT QUALITY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE  
9 WORKERS AND THE PUBLIC AS WELL. COUNTY SECURITY OFFICERS,  
10 WE'RE THE FIRST RESPONDERS WHO PROTECT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
11 PERSONNEL STAFF AND THE PUBLIC. WE ARE GETTING TOGETHER AND  
12 BECOMING A CORE UNIT TO KEEP THE COUNTY SAFE AND IMPROVE OUR  
13 LIVES AND OUR FAMILY LIVES. MY FELLOW SECURITY OFFICERS AND I  
14 URGE YOU TODAY TO PLEASE STAND WITH US AS WE GO TO THE TABLE  
15 AND PLEASE FORCE THE CONTRACTORS TO PLEASE BE SERIOUS ABOUT  
16 WHAT WE GO TO THE TABLE. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. PLEASE STAND  
17 WITH US. WE NEED YOU. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OSCAR?

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21 **JIM DIMOV:** WELL, I WISH GLORIA MOLINA WOULD BE HERE, BECAUSE I  
22 HAVE THE MAJOR--

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

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1   **JIM DIMOV:** MY NAME IS JIM DIMOV, D-I-M-O-V, SPELL THE LAST  
2   NAME. MY PHONE NUMBER IS 818-662-8771. MY ADDRESS IS POST  
3   OFFICE BOX 41771, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 90041- 0771. I AM  
4   ASTONISHED TO FIND OUT THAT THE TAXES I HAD BEEN PAYING WERE  
5   ASTRONOMICAL. JUST A FEW DAYS AGO, I FOUND A LIST HERE FROM  
6   UNITED TITLE COMPANY, AND THE TAXES WHICH I PAID, SUPER PAID  
7   ON MY PROPERTY IN HIGHLAND PARK WERE SO MUCH HIGHER THAN  
8   REGULAR, LITERALLY 60 TIMES MORE THAN I'M SUPPOSED TO PAY. AND  
9   MY GREATEST SURPRISE WHEN I FOUND THIS PAPERWORK, I FOUND OUT  
10   THAT I DID PAY \$62,000 UP TO 1992-- EXCUSE ME, UP TO 1999, AND  
11   WHEN I FOUND THIS DOCUMENT, THERE WAS \$74,000 TAXES ADDITIONAL  
12   TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM THE TITLE COMPANY AND ALTOGETHER IT BECAME  
13   \$137,394.07 I HAVE PAID TAXES WHICH I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO PAY AT  
14   ALL. IN 2003, I RECEIVED A PAPER FROM THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR  
15   THAT I OWE THEM \$48,000 MORE TAXES. THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR  
16   HAS TURNED ME INTO A SLAVE. I RAISED FOUR CHILDREN, FOUR GIRLS  
17   AND TWO BOYS, AND THE OTHER DAUGHTER TOLD ME ONE DAY, "DADDY,  
18   THE DEVIL IS VERY BAD," AND I ASKED HER WHY? "BECAUSE HE  
19   SMOKES." AND I FOUND OUT NOT ONLY JOHN MCKINLEY SMOKES, BUT HE  
20   PRODUCE FALSE LETTERS AND GLORIA MOLINA USED HIS FALSE LETTER  
21   IN ORDER TO CLOSE MY CASE, WHICH NEVER DID OPEN, AND I REALIZE  
22   THAT THE TAX COLLECTOR AND ALL OF YOU HERE ARE SMOKING  
23   FALSEHOODS AND INJUSTICE IN MY CASE, AND THAT'S NOT FAIR.  
24   NOBODY HAS TAKEN ANY ACTION REGARDING RETURNING MY TAXES BACK  
25   WHICH WERE SUPERLY PAID, AND I NEED THIS MONEY TODAY. PLEASE



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1 GIVE MY \$185,178.83 PLUS 10 PERCENT INTEREST SINCE 1988. THANK  
2 YOU SO VERY MUCH AND I WISH GLORIA MOLINA WOULD BE HERE. TOO  
3 BAD SHE WENT OUT.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, I'VE HEARD YOUR STORY BEFORE.

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7 **JIM DIMOV:** BUT YOU HAVE MY PAPERWORK--

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, WE GOT ALL YOUR LETTERS.

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11 **JIM DIMOV:** -- MENTIONED THAT MY CASE IS CLOSED, WHICH HAS  
12 NEVER BEEN OPENED. YOU HAVE NOT RESPONDED--

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. DIMOV.

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16 **JIM DIMOV:** TO ONE STATEMENT OF MINE AND IT WAS CLOSED. THANK  
17 YOU VERY MUCH.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IF WE CAN HAVE BOBBY COOPER, ETHEL  
20 JOHNSON. NOT HERE? WALTER BECKTEL. AND ARNOLD SACHS. DID HE  
21 LEAVE US? THERE HE IS. PLEASE COME UP AND JOIN US, MR. COOPER.  
22 I'M SORRY. MR. JOHNSON. I APOLOGIZE.

23

24 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE OPPRESSED, I  
25 SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR CULTURE CHANGE.





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1 I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, THANK GOD  
2 FOR HIS WIFE, MISS MICHELLE OBAMA. I HOPE TO MEET THEM IN THE  
3 NEAR FUTURE. I THINK IT'S TIME FOR AMERICA TO HAVE A RELIGION  
4 EDUCATION. EVERYTHING HAS FALLEN IN AMERICA. IT'S TIME FOR  
5 AMERICA TO HAVE A RELIGION EDUCATION, A RELIGION THAT IS PURE.  
6 TRULY PURE REGION IS THE WORSHIP OF GOD ONLY. UNITE IN  
7 LEADERSHIP. WE HAVE THE HOLY BOOK. WE KNOW THE RELIGION LEADER  
8 THAT KNOWS THE HOLY BOOK. UNITE FOR LEADERSHIP AND TRY TO  
9 BRING SALVATION TO OUR MANKIND. WE NEED TO END CORRUPTION IN  
10 GOVERNMENT, END ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, PENALIZE THE BUSINESSES  
11 THAT HOUSE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, PENALIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT  
12 HAVE OFF RECORD BUSINESS, REMOVE BUSINESS AT THE BLACK  
13 COMMUNITY THAT IS NOT OWNED AND OPERATED BY BLACK PEOPLE. WE  
14 WANT TO SEE OURSELF AS BLACK PEOPLE IN A VERY INFERIOR LIGHT,  
15 VERY INFERIOR CONDITION LIGHT, WE'RE ONLY ENTERTAINERS FOR  
16 OTHER PEOPLE WITH SOME TYPE OF BALL IN OUR HAND, AND THAT'S  
17 NOT THE AMERICAN WAY. WE SHOULD END GOVERNMENT WASTE. WE NEED  
18 BETTER BUSES AND LESS RAILS. WE NEED RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY  
19 AND REASON. WE NEED MORALS AND A SPIRIT OF AWAKENING. OUR  
20 CONSTITUTION SAYS FAMILY FIRST. THERE CAN BE NO FAMILY WITHOUT  
21 MARRIAGE. THERE CAN BE NO FAMILY WITHOUT MARRIAGE TO MAKE IT  
22 LEGAL. WE NEED JOBS AND WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE  
23 COMMON GOOD. WE NEED TO WORK FOR PARTNERSHIP INSTEAD OF CRIME  
24 PARTNER GOVERNMENT BECAUSE I SEE THAT RACISM IS AN UGLY THING  
25 ALL OVER THE WORLD THOUGH , BUT A LOT OF TIMES WE SEE RACISM



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1 WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO COME TOGETHER FOR SOME GOOD, WE'VE BEEN  
2 DISCRIMINATED UPON. BUT AS LONG AS THERE'S DIFFERENT  
3 NATIONALITIES, IF THERE'S ANY CORRUPTION TOGETHER, I GUESS  
4 THEY'RE VERY CONTENT WITH THEIR CORRUPTION, BUT IT'S GOT TO  
5 COME TO AN END. THE BILL OF RIGHTS, THE DECLARATION OF  
6 INDEPENDENCE SAID-- THAT THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE  
7 STATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT EXISTS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE  
8 PEOPLE. GOVERNMENT RECEIVED POWER TO RULE ONLY THROUGH THE  
9 AGREEMENT OF THE PEOPLE. TO THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS MEAN TO  
10 THE RIGHT TO OWN PROPERTY AND TO HAVE IT SAFEGUARD, THE RIGHT  
11 TO STRIVE FOR THE GOOD OF ALL PEOPLE, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN HOME  
12 BORN SLAVES BEFORE AMERICA ACTUALLY BECAME THE HOME BORN  
13 SLAVE. HOME BORN SLAVE IS ANYONE THAT IS NOT SERVING THEIR OWN  
14 SELF AND SERVING OTHER PEOPLE. THEY'RE CALLED HOME BORN  
15 SLAVES. HOME BORN SLAVE IS REBELLED, UNLAWED AND DISCONTENTED  
16 RENEGADE IN A WICKED PRIDE OF A HOME BORN AND DOMESTIC ENEMY.  
17 LET US ALL TRY TO WORK TOGETHER WITH PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA,  
18 TRY AND WORK TO SAVE AMERICA AND TRY TO SAVE THE WORLD OF THIS  
19 TRAGEDY WHAT'S GOING ON ALL OVER AMERICA THROUGH MALL AND  
20 UNEDUCATED AND MISEDUCATED AND SATAN, THE DEVIL.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. RUTH CRAFT, IDA VEREEN,  
23 DEIRDRE SPIKES. MR. BECKTEL. WALTER BECKTEL: GOOD MORNING. I  
24 MEAN, GOOD AFTERNOON IT IS NOW. MY NAME IS WALTER BECKTEL. I  
25 JUST WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT-- I MEAN, A COMPLAINT I MADE ON



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1 THE 15TH HERE ABOUT ONE OF YOUR PERSONNEL, I WAS TOLD WAS  
2 GOING TO BE CONTACTED BY DON ASHTON AND HE WAS GOING TO EMAIL  
3 ME. THAT WAS ALMOST TWO WEEKS AGO. NOBODY'S GOING TO CONTACT  
4 ME, OR WHAT?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW. WERE YOU GOING TO BE-- WHO  
7 SAID THAT MR. ASHTON WAS GOING TO CONTACT NOW?

8

9 **WALTER BECKTEL:** WELL, HE DID. HE WROTE ME AN EMAIL SAYING, "I  
10 GOT YOUR EMAIL, I GOT YOUR MESSAGE. OKAY. "I WILL RESPOND TO  
11 YOU LATER," AND THAT WAS THE END OF IT. I WROTE A VERY  
12 METHODOLOGICAL EMAIL, I SPELLED OUT WHAT HAPPENED.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL, WE WILL HAVE HIM TALK TO YOU.

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16 **WALTER BECKTEL:** OKAY, OKAY, OKAY. I ALSO WANTED TO SAY  
17 SOMETHING ABOUT THE PLASTIC BAGS YOU GUYS VOTED AGAINST HERE.  
18 I'VE READ AN ARTICLE HERE, IT'S DATED SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1977 FROM  
19 THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, PAGE F15, COLUMN 3. IT SAYS "NEW TRASH  
20 BAG DISINTEGRATES UNDER SUNLIGHT." THEY'VE HAD TECHNOLOGY  
21 SINCE 1977 THAT MAKES TRASH BAGS THAT DISINTEGRATE. WHY ARE WE  
22 ELIMINATING THEM ENTIRELY? WHY CAN'T WE JUST HAVE, YOU KNOW,  
23 SPIKE THE SITUATION, FORCE THEM TO HAVE THESE PLASTIC BAGS  
24 THAT DISINTEGRATE, AND IF WE WANT ONES THAT DON'T  
25 DISINTEGRATE, THEY'LL HAVE TO PAY FOR THOSE, BUT YOU'RE



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1 ELIMINATING THESE ENTIRELY? IT SEEMS TO ME FROM WHAT I CAN  
2 REMEMBER DURING THE '60S, WHEN THEY TRIED THIS THING, WE ALL  
3 HAD TO HAVE THESE TOTE BAGS THAT WERE MADE OUT OF WHATEVER  
4 THEY MADE THEM OUT OF AND THE REASON WHY IT DIDN'T GO OVER IS  
5 BECAUSE THEY STARTED CLOGGING UP THE TRASH COMPACTORS FROM THE  
6 PEOPLE THAT DISPOSED OF THESE THINGS. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY IS  
7 ALSO GOING TO REMEMBER TO BRING THEIR REUSEABLE BAG, AND  
8 FURTHERMORE, HAVING TO PAY A DOLLAR? I MEAN, THESE PEOPLE, I  
9 CAN HARDLY MYSELF GET BY. A DOLLAR IS A LOT OF MONEY, IF WE  
10 HAVE TO BUY TWO OR THREE OF THESE THINGS A WEEK, THAT'S REALLY  
11 GOING TO CUT INTO OUR PAY, BUT FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES WHO  
12 HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY, A DOLLAR IS NOTHING, BUT I THINK YOU  
13 SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT A BAG THAT-- AS SOON AS YOU USE IT, IT  
14 USUALLY GETS SOME SYRUP ON IT OR SOME BROKEN EGGS OR SOME  
15 MILK, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO REUSE THIS THING, YOU'RE GOING TO  
16 THROW IT IN THE TRASH, AND THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT BENEFIT ARE  
17 THE ADVERTISERS THAT PUT THEIR GIANT SIZE ADVERTISEMENT ON THE  
18 SIDE OF THE BAG. THIS IS RIDICULOUS. I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD  
19 TALK TO THIS BISPAK CORPORATION THAT'S OUT OF ATLANTA. I THINK  
20 THEY PROBABLY MAKE MILLIONS OF THESE BAGS. WHY DON'T WE USE  
21 THOSE INSTEAD AND AFFECT THE SITUATION RATHER THAN FORCE THESE  
22 DOLLAR BAGS ON US THAT NOBODY CAN REALLY AFFORD. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS.

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** (OFF-MIC.) I APOLOGIZE. I SPENT A LOT OF TIME  
2   TEARING INTO YOU REGARDING THE CRAZINESS INVOLVED WITH THE  
3   BLUE LINE AND THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, BUT TODAY  
4   AT THE M.T.A. BOARD MEETING WHEN I WAS HAVING BREAKFAST,  
5   SOMEBODY LEFT A NOTE OR A DOCUMENT ON MY TABLE THAT A MOTION  
6   BY MOLINA, FASANA, ANTONOVICH, LOEWENTHAL, FROM AUGUST 2005,  
7   "WHEREAS EXISTING LAW ESTABLISHES THE LOS ANGELES TO PASADENA  
8   METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY NOW KNOWN AS THE METRO  
9   GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY." THERE IT  
10   IS. SEE? NOW KNOWN AS THE GOLD LINE FOOTHILL CONSTRUCTION  
11   AUTHORITY FROM AUGUST 2005, AND WHO KNEW? THAT BEING SAID, THE  
12   PASADENA FREEWAY IS GOING TO GET A NEW MAKEOVER, A NEW NAME,  
13   BEING CALLED THE ROYO SECO. THE NEW NAME, AND I'M READINGS  
14   FROM THIS L.A. TIMES ARTICLE FROM TWO DAYS-- FROM JUNE 25TH,  
15   FRIDAY, THE NEW NAME IS INTENDED TO REFLECT THE STATE  
16   LEGISLATURE DECISION IN THE EARLY 1990S TO COMMEMORATE THE  
17   HIGHWAY BY DESIGNATING CALIFORNIA HISTORIC PARKWAY. THE STATE  
18   LEGISLATION'S DECISION. WHICH IS SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THE GOLD  
19   LINE AND THE BLUE LINE. THE STATE LEGISLATION CREATED THE BLUE  
20   LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. THIS ITEM AGENDIZED ON THE METRO  
21   BOARD FROM 2005 NOW KNOWN AS THE GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION.  
22   SO WHY IN MARCH 17TH, 2010, WHEN THE MONEY WAS ALLOCATED, OVER  
23   \$600,000-- \$600 MILLION, WAS ALLOCATED NOT TO THE BLUE LINE  
24   FOOTHILL EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, THE METRO PASADENA--  
25   - THE PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE RIGHT HERE. MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN



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1 THIS ITEM. THERE'S NO LEGISLATION THAT BACKS IT UP. REMINDS ME  
2 OF THAT OLD SAYING, DRIVE FOR SHOW, PUTT FOR DOUGH. YOU CAN  
3 TALK ALL YOU WANT ABOUT THE GOLD LINE. ANOTHER ARTICLE IN THE  
4 GOLD LINE WAS THAT THEY'RE MOVING FORWARD WITH PHASE ONE, THE  
5 GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. MS. MOLINA IS CONCERNED  
6 ABOUT LIABILITY COSTS. THE BLUE LINE'S GOT THE MONEY, THE BLUE  
7 LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY'S GOT THE MONEY, WHO IS GOING TO  
8 COVER ANY LIABILITY? THIS IS LIKE SPOTS ON A LEOPARD. YOU'RE  
9 SITTING ON A BOARD MAKING THOSE KINDS OF DECISIONS AND THEN  
10 YOU'RE GOING TO COME BACK TO THE COUNTY AND IMPART YOUR WISDOM  
11 ON OTHER DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THE POPULATION AS A WHOLE.  
12 THAT'S A WONDERFUL SENSE OF A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE THAT YOU GIVE  
13 THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ALL RIGHT. MA'AM?

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17 **RUTH CRAFT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RUTH CRAFT. THE  
18 GENTLEMAN TO MY LEFT IS ULYSSES TORRE. AT ONE TIME IN THE  
19 1980S, WE FORMED AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE FIST. IT WAS AN  
20 ORGANIZATION THAT TAKEN ON ECONOMIC VALUES IN THE BLACK  
21 COMMUNITY. THERE WAS A KOREAN AND BLACK CONFLICT IN THE  
22 BUSINESS AREAS OF LOS ANGELES, MAINLY THE CRENSHAW DISTRICT.  
23 WE GOT INVOLVED IN THIS ORGANIZATION BECAUSE, AS BUSINESS  
24 OWNERS IN THE BALDWIN HILLS, CRENSHAW DISTRICT, WE WERE RAN  
25 OUT OF BUSINESS, AND EVEN TODAY, NO ONE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT I



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1 WAS EVER A BUSINESS OWNER IN THE CRENSHAW DISTRICT, AND I'M  
2 HERE TODAY TO FIGHT FOR WHAT I BELIEVE IS CORRECT. "JUSTICE  
3 DELAYED IS JUSTICE DENIED," AND THIS BODY, THIS COUNTY, THE  
4 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IS THE MOST-- OR ONE OF THE MOST  
5 UNFRIENDLY COUNTIES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR  
6 CHILDREN, PARENTS AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE  
7 DONE. I COMMEND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THE  
8 JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INTO THE PROBATION AREA, EFFORTS OF THIS  
9 BODY, BUT WE ALSO NEED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE  
10 WHAT HAPPENED TO BLACK BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE CRENSHAW  
11 DISTRICT IN THE ERA OF THE 1980S. MANY OF US WAS MURDERED. I  
12 WAS PERSONALLY RAN OUT OF BUSINESS. I ENDED UP ON THE STREET.  
13 I WENT ON WELFARE, I'VE BEEN HARASSED, I'VE BEEN RETALIATED  
14 AGAINST BY OIL COMPANIES, BANKS, INSURANCE COMPANIES. NO, I AM  
15 NOT MAD. NO, I'M NOT GLAD, BUT I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED  
16 STATES OF AMERICA AND I EXPECT THE SAME JUSTICE. I'M NOT O.J.  
17 SIMPSON, I DON'T HAVE A LAWYER, I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY, BUT I  
18 HAVE A RIGHT TO COME BEFORE THIS BODY AND TO BRING THIS BODY  
19 ACCOUNTABLE NOT ONLY TO ME BUT THE CHILDREN, THE BLACK  
20 COMMUNITY, THE WHITE COMMUNITY, THE GREEN COMMUNITY, ANYBODY  
21 IN THIS COUNTY THAT HAS PAID TAXES AND VOTED HAS A RIGHT TO  
22 HOLD THIS BODY ACCOUNTABLE FOR ITS INJUSTICES. I WOULD  
23 APPRECIATE MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IF WE COULD HAVE ANOTHER  
24 MEETING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. I'VE CALLED ON THOSE  
2    OTHER FOLKS. I GUESS THEY WEREN'T HERE. THAT CONCLUDES OUR  
3    PUBLIC COMMENT. I'LL HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER READ US INTO  
4    CLOSED SESSION.

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6    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
7    NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
8    CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.-1 AND C.S.-2,  
9    CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,  
10    AND PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
11    MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 6TH, 2010, AT 1:00 P.M.. THANK  
12    YOU.

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6 REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2010

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10 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION

11 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

12 Settlement of Breach of Contract and False Claims Act Cases

13 (three cases) Levi et al. v. Los Angeles County Board of

14 Supervisors, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 112429,

15 Court of Appeal Case No. B222371; G Coast Construction, Inc.

16 v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court

17 Case No. BC 412705; Lincoln General Ins. Co. v. G Coast

18 Construction, Inc., et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case

19 No. BC 418725 (10-1513).

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21 The Board authorized settlement of the matters titled Levi et

22 al. v. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, G, Coast

23 Construction, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., and

24 Lincoln General Ins., Co. v. G Coast Construction, Inc., et

25 al.



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2 The details will be made available once the settlements have  
3 been finalized. The vote of the Board was unanimous with  
4 Supervisor Knabe being absent.

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6 CS-2.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS MORNING'S  
9 MEETING. OUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING IS GOING TO BE LED BY THE  
10 REVEREND CATHERINE WAGAR, ST. MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGELS  
11 EPISCOPALIAN CHURCH IN STUDIO CITY. OUR PLEDGE THIS MORNING  
12 WILL BE LED BY ERNEST L. HUGHES WHO'S A VETERANS COUNSELOR FOR  
13 THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. WOULD YOU ALL  
14 PLEASE STAND. REVEREND?

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16 **REV. CATHERINE WAGAR:** GRACIOUS GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR  
17 THIS NEW DAY IN WHICH THESE PEOPLE, OUR ELECTED SUPERVISORS,  
18 THEIR STAFF MEMBERS AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BUSINESS WITH  
19 THEM, ARE GATHERED FOR THE WORK OF THIS DAY. WE ASK YOUR  
20 BLESSING ON THE COMPLEX AND CHALLENGING TASKS THAT ARE TO BE  
21 UNDERTAKEN BY THEM ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES  
22 COUNTY. WE PRAY THAT ALL OF US MAY BE TOUCHED BY YOUR SPIRIT  
23 OF WISDOM. GIVE GRACE TO THIS ASSEMBLY SO THAT IN THEIR WORK,  
24 THEY KNOW THAT YOU, O GOD, LOVE EACH PERSON AS IF THEY ARE THE  
25 ONLY PERSON. MAY WE LEARN TO EMBRACE OUR DIVERSITY IN THIS



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1 COUNTY WITH PATIENCE AND INSIGHT, PUTTING AN END TO CONTENTION  
2 AND STRIFE AMONG ALL PEOPLE AND SHARING CREATIVE AND  
3 RECONCILING APPROACHES TO OUR COMMON LIFE. WE GIVE THANKS FOR  
4 THE MANY ASSETS AND STRENGTHS OF THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN  
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ESPECIALLY GIVE THANKS FOR THE  
6 DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF THE SUPERVISORS WHO SERVE ALL  
7 PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY. AT THE SAME TIME, WE REMEMBER AND LIFT  
8 UP THE BROKENNESS OF MANY PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE, OUR NEIGHBORS  
9 WHO WANT WHAT WE ALL WANT, TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND  
10 RESPECT, TO HAVE JOBS AND HOUSING THAT WILL SUSTAIN US, TO  
11 ASSURE THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE WELL EDUCATED, TO EXPERIENCE  
12 SAFETY AND SECURITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. MAY WE NEVER SEEK TO  
13 FULFILL OUR OWN INTERESTS AT THE EXPENSE OF THOSE ON THE  
14 MARGINS. IN ALL THAT IS SAID AND DONE HERE TODAY IN THIS  
15 CHAMBER, MAY WE REMEMBER THAT EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP MEANS BOTH  
16 BEARING WITNESS TO OUR COMMON VISION AND SERVING CONSTITUENTS  
17 WITH COMPASSION AND INTEGRITY. HELP US, O GOD, TO BE THE  
18 LEADERS THAT YOU HAVE CALLED US TO BE. MAY WE ALWAYS REMEMBER  
19 THE WORDS OF THE PROPHET MICAH WHO SAID, "WHAT DOES THE LORD  
20 REQUIRE OF YOU BUT THAT YOU DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS, AND  
21 WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD?" AMEN.

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23 **ERNEST L. HUGHES:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG, PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND  
24 OVER YOUR HEART. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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1 **ERNEST L. HUGHES:** PLEASE BE SEATED.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, WE WERE LED IN THE INVOCATION  
6 THIS MORNING, VERY INSPIRATIONAL INVOCATION, BY REVEREND  
7 CATHERINE WAGAR WHO'S AN ORDAINED DEACON IN THE EPISCOPAL  
8 DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES. CURRENTLY SHE IS WORKING AS A  
9 VOLUNTEER PARISH DEACON AT ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS  
10 EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN STUDIO CITY. IN ADDITION, REVEREND WAGAR  
11 IS A VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AT TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY  
12 AND ASSISTS IN THE IMMIGRANTS RIGHTS' PROJECT OF PUBLIC  
13 COUNSEL. HER TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE IN ORGANIZATIONAL  
14 CONSULTATION INCLUDES MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF WORK WITH HUMAN  
15 SERVICE AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SERVING MARGINALIZED  
16 PERSONS. REVEREND WAGAR IS VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF  
17 DIRECTORS OF TEAM SURVIVOR CALIFORNIA AND ALSO SERVES AS A  
18 TRUSTEE OF THE EPISCOPAL THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL IN CLAREMONT AND  
19 HER HUSBAND IS BRUCE RANKIN-- BRUCE, RIGHT? WHO HEADS UP THE  
20 WEST SIDE FOOD BANK AND DOES A GREAT JOB THERE, SO THIS IS AN  
21 ALL PURPOSE HUMAN SERVICE FAMILY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR  
22 LEADING US IN INVOCATION THIS MORNING. [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR AND  
2 COLLEAGUES. WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US THIS MORNING AND  
3 THANK HIM FOR THE LEADING OF US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE,  
4 ERNEST L. HUGHES, WHO HAS LIVED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR  
5 APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS. HE IS CURRENTLY A VETERANS COUNSELOR  
6 FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. HE  
7 SERVED AS A STAFF SERGEANT IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS IN THE  
8 FIRST BATTALION THIRD MARINES IN THE PACIFIC AND MIDDLE EAST  
9 DURING DESERT STORM. HE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF AWARDS AND  
10 DECORATIONS THAT INCLUDE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION  
11 MEDAL AND THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE  
12 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, KUWAIT LIBERATION MEDALS IN  
13 BOTH SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT AS WELL AS OTHERS. MR. HUGHES  
14 GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY HIGH IN LOS ANGELES AND EL CAMINO  
15 COMMUNITY COLLEGE. HE'S MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN. WE  
16 THANK YOU, ERNEST L. HUGHES, FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE AND  
17 WE CERTAINLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT  
18 YOU HAVE GIVEN SERVICE TO YOUR NATION. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE  
21 OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

22  
23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
24 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE  
25 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D



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1 THROUGH 3-D. ON ITEM NUMBER 1-D, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
2 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING TWO  
3 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
6 RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S  
7 NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
10 HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 6-H, THOSE ITEMS ARE  
11 BEFORE YOU.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
14 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO  
15 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 8, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
18 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICTS, ITEM 1-P AND 2-P. ON  
19 ITEM 1-P , THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO  
20 HOLD THIS ITEM.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 2-P, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
23 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S  
24 NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8. ON  
2 ITEM NUMBER 2, THERE'S REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO  
3 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 3, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND  
4 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
5 NUMBER 5, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
6 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 6, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF  
7 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM, AND ON ITEM NUMBER 8, THERE'S A  
8 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE  
9 REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THOSE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED  
12 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
13 YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PAGE 12, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 9 THROUGH  
16 70. ON ITEM NUMBER 13, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT  
17 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 14, AS INDICATED ON THE  
18 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT  
19 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JULY 27TH, 2010.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THAT CONTINUANCE.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 18, THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER  
24 COUNTY CLERK REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
25 JULY 6, 2010. 18. YES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THAT CONTINUANCE.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 20, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
5 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 21,  
6 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
7 ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 22, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
8 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED-- EXCUSE ME--  
9 THAT THE CONTRACT BE EXTENDED FOR ONE MONTH AND THAT BE  
10 APPROVED TODAY AND THEN CONTINUE THIS ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS TO  
11 JULY 13TH, 2010. THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE  
12 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HOLD THAT ITEM. AND  
15 MADAME CHAIR, I APOLOGIZE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO  
16 REQUEST THAT ITEM NUMBER 15 BE HELD.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 29, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
21 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 33,  
22 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL ABSTAIN FROM VOTE. ON ITEM  
23 NUMBER 41, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO  
24 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 42, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
25 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 50,



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1 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
2 ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 67, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THE  
3 FOLLOWING STATEMENT, "THIS MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE WRONGFUL DEATH  
4 LAWSUIT ARISES FROM THE TREATMENT RECEIVED BY A PATIENT AT  
5 L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER" BE CHANGED TO "THIS MEDICAL  
6 NEGLIGENCE WRONGFUL DEATH LAWSUIT ARISES FROM THE TREATMENT  
7 RECEIVED BY A MINOR WHILE IN CUSTODY AT LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE  
8 HALL" AND ALSO AS INDICATED AN THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE  
9 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION  
10 PLAN FOR THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JULY 20TH, 2010, BUT THE  
11 SETTLEMENT BE APPROVED TODAY AND ALSO THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
12 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST GET SOME CLARIFICATION?

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THEY DID NOT GET ANY TREATMENT AT THE  
19 COUNTY U.S.C.? IT WAS ONLY AT LOS PADRINOS?

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21 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** IT WAS TREATMENT AT COUNTY U.S.C BUT IT  
22 WAS UNRELATED TO THE CLAIMS.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANKS.



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 69, AS INDICATED ON THE  
2 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR  
3 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY  
4 6TH, 2010, AND THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
5 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 70, SUPERVISOR  
6 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THAT  
7 COMPLETES-- EXCUSE ME. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT  
8 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY  
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF  
12 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE AGENDA. BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
16 NUMBER 4.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN OUR  
19 PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR KNABE IS NOT HERE, SO SUPERVISOR  
20 ANTONOVICH?

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, WE WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP ONE OF OUR  
23 HOUSEHOLD NAMES, GENE GLEESON, OUR A.B.C. EYEWITNESS NEWS, WHO  
24 IS SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE AS A CIVILIAN. HIS WIFE CHARLIE IS  
25 HERE AS WELL. GENE'S GOING TO BE RETIRING FROM HIS GENERAL



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1 ASSIGNMENT REPORTER AFTER A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN BOTH RADIO  
2 AND TELEVISION. BORN AND RAISED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN  
3 RIVERSIDE, HE GRADUATED FROM RAMONA HIGH SCHOOL AND THEN  
4 ATTENDED RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE AND SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY  
5 WHERE HE OBTAINED HIS B.A. IN HISTORY. HE LATER ATTENDED  
6 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY WHERE HE OBTAINED HIS MASTER'S IN  
7 JOURNALISM. BEGAN IN RADIO WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL WORKING AT  
8 K.I.C.O. IN CALEXICO, AND K.F.X.M. IN SAN BERNARDINO AND  
9 K.W.I.Z. IN SANTA ANA AND K.F.M.B. IN SAN DIEGO AND THEN A 20-  
10 YEAR DISC JOCKEY AT K.F.X.M. HE WAS ON STAGE WITH THE BEATLES  
11 AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL IN 1964. AND THERE HE WORKED AS A  
12 REPORTER AND ANCHOR AT K.F.M.B. AND K.G.T.B. IN SAN DIEGO  
13 BEFORE MOVING TO A.B.C. T.V. 7 EYEWITNESS NEWS BACK IN 1980.  
14 SINCE THEN, HE'S BEEN A RECIPIENT OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
15 TELEVISION AND RADIO ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR BEST SPOT NEWS  
16 STORY, REPORTING ON THE TEARING DOWN OF THE BERLIN WALL IN  
17 NOVEMBER OF 1989. RECEIVED THE GOLDEN MIKE IN 1986 FOR  
18 ANCHORING A.B.C. 7 EYEWITNESS NEWS COVERAGE OF THE CERRITOS  
19 AIR DISASTER AND TWO EMMY AWARDS FOR REPORTING AND ANCHORING  
20 BOTH IN SAN DIEGO AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO, GENE, WE WISH  
21 YOU A HAPPY RETIREMENT. IT WAS GOOD WORKING WITH YOU AND BEING  
22 ABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU RAISED FOR THE VARIOUS  
23 ACTIVITIES WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH. WE WISH YOU A HAPPY  
24 RETIREMENT AND HOPE YOU'LL STILL STAY INVOLVED. [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO SEE MORE OF THE IRRESPONSIBLE  
2   ONES RETIRING RATHER THAN THE RESPONSIBLE ONES. [LAUGHTER.]

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4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SAY A FEW WORDS?

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6   **GENE GLEESON:** FIRST OF ALL, I NEVER EXPECTED TO BE UP HERE.  
7   I'M USUALLY OVER THERE. IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE AND AN HONOR.  
8   THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS. I THINK OF ALL THE TIMES THAT  
9   I'VE BEEN HERE COVERING THIS BODY. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT BODY  
10  AS THE WORK YOU DO AFFECTS EVERY SINGLE RESIDENT OF LOS  
11  ANGELES COUNTY. UNFORTUNATELY IN RECENT YEARS WE HAVEN'T BEEN  
12  HERE AS MUCH AS WE USED TO BE, AND THAT HAS A LOT TO DO WITH  
13  OUR BUSINESS, NOT YOUR BUSINESS, BUT HOPEFULLY, YOU KNOW, OUR  
14  BOSSES AND OUR CONSULTANTS WILL SEE THE VALUE IN COVERING CITY  
15  GOVERNMENT AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT ON A MORE INTENSE BASIS THAN  
16  WE HAVE IN THE PAST AND THAT WOULD BE GOOD FOR BOTH US AND  
17  YOU, I THINK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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19  **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IF I COULD JUST ADD  
20  TO GENE, WE WANT TO THANK HIM FOR ALL OF THE OUTSTANDING YEARS  
21  OF GREAT SERVICE TO US. I WAS PARTICULARLY PROUD TO WATCH YOU  
22  AS YOU ANCHORED ALL THE TIME. YOU COULD JUST DELIVER EVEN THE  
23  BAD NEWS WITH VERY, VERY, I DON'T KNOW, I DON'T WANT TO SAY A  
24  HAPPY FACE, BUT A PLEASANT FACE. BUT I PARTICULARLY LOVE WHEN  
25  I TALK TO YOU ABOUT VARIOUS ISSUES HERE, AND YOU'RE RIGHT,



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1 HOPEFULLY THEY'LL BE MORE ATTENTIVE TO THE ISSUES HERE. WE'RE  
2 A VERY IMPORTANT BODY, NOT BECAUSE WE'RE IMPORTANT, BUT THE  
3 WORK WE DO IS VERY SIGNIFICANT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ENJOY YOUR  
4 RETIREMENT.

5

6 **GENE GLEESON:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP JOSE SUAREZ AND  
9 DIRECTOR GAYLE FARBER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF  
10 PUBLIC WORKS TO RECOGNIZE JOSE AS BEING NAMED 2010 LOS ANGELES  
11 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR. JOSE  
12 DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN OUR COUNTY SERVICE FOR THE PAST 16  
13 YEARS, ADVANCING FROM CIVIL ENGINEERING ASSISTANT TO HIS  
14 PRESENT POSITION AS ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER, SUPERVISOR OF  
15 THE ROAD INVESTIGATION AND VOCATION UNIT AND SURVEY, MAPPING  
16 AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION. A RESIDENT OF ALHAMBRA, HE'S  
17 WORKED FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS AS I SAID FOR 16 YEARS AND IS  
18 CURRENTLY AN ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER. HE'S WELL KNOWN FOR  
19 EXTENSIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND VOCATION KNOWLEDGE AND WORK ETHIC,  
20 PATIENCE AND HELPFULNESS. HIS ENTHUSIASM HAS ALSO BEEN  
21 DEMONSTRATED IN HIS PERSONAL LIFE. HE'S A REGIONAL MANNER  
22 ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION AND  
23 COACHES HIS DAUGHTER'S TEAM. HE'S HARD-WORKING AND DEDICATED  
24 TO PROVIDING OUTSTANDING SERVICE, SO, JOSE, THANK YOU AND WE  
25 WISH YOU MANY GOOD AWARDS WITH A.Y.S.O., WHICH IS ONE OF THE





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1 GREAT ADVANTAGES THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COUNTY, THE NUMBER OF  
2 SOCCER TEAMS WE HAVE, BECAUSE MY KIDS ARE INVOLVED IN THE  
3 SAME, BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRIVATE SIDE HELPING IN THE  
4 COMMUNITY AND YOUR PUBLIC SIDE, HELPING THE COUNTY.

5 [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GAYLE, DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING FIRST,  
8 AND THEN WE'LL ASK JOSE.

9

10 **GAYLE FARBER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ON BEHALF OF THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WE'RE EXTREMELY PROUD TO RECOGNIZE  
12 JOSE TODAY. HE HAS HIS TEAM HERE TODAY. RECENTLY WE CELEBRATED  
13 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK AT WHICH TIME WE HONOR OUR EMPLOYEE  
14 OF THE YEAR AND IT'S NICE FOR HIM TO HAVE HIS FAMILY HERE AND  
15 BE RECOGNIZED. I ALSO HAVE OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM HERE TO SAY  
16 JOSE, CONGRATULATIONS TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT, WE'RE ALL HERE AND  
17 CONGRATULATE YOU ON ALL THE WORK YOU DO. WE'RE EXTREMELY PROUD  
18 OF IT AND WE'RE PROUD OF YOU. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **JOSE SUAREZ:** THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, IT'S QUITE AN HONOR TO  
21 BE HERE. IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY THAT I SEE IT  
22 AS AN INDIVIDUAL EFFORT. IT'S ACTUALLY A GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT  
23 I HAVE BEHIND ME THAT REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE. TO START OFF  
24 WITH, MY CREW OF GUYS THAT ARE ALWAYS THERE TO GIVE ME A HAND  
25 WITH WHATEVER IS NEEDED. ALSO, MY FAMILY, MY WIFE, MY



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1 DAUGHTER, WHO ARE A BIG SUPPORT OF WHAT I DO, AND, OF COURSE,  
2 MY IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR, GLEN TROMAN, WHO NOMINATED ME FOR  
3 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR, WHICH I'M VERY THANKFUL FOR, AND ALSO MY  
4 DIVISION HEAD, STEVE STEINHOFF, ASSISTANT DIVISION HEAD, STEVE  
5 HENNESSEY, AND MY SECTION HEAD, JAIME HERNANDEZ. AGAIN, THANK  
6 YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S QUITE AN HONOR AND I'M VERY PLEASED. THANK  
7 YOU FOR EVERYTHING. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO BRING UP SOME OF OUR  
10 STUDENTS AND RECOGNIZE THEM FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL  
11 ACHIEVEMENTS, AND THIS IS A PROGRAM WHICH I WAS ABLE TO  
12 INITIATE A FEW YEARS AGO IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND  
13 WE'RE VERY PROUD OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE MOVED FORWARD  
14 WITH THESE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. LET ME FIRST CALL UP ALTAN  
15 ALACANTARIAN FOR MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT,  
16 ENRICHMENT PLUS PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
17 FAMILY SERVICES. CONGRATULATIONS. GOOD JOB. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE ALSO PRESENTING A 50-DOLLAR GIFT  
20 CERTIFICATE TO BARNES AND NOBLE. BARNES AND NOBLE. NEXT WILL  
21 BE DANIEL ENDOZY FOR BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. DANIEL? HE'S  
22 NOT HERE. OKAY. CYNTHIA LAPOS FOR BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.  
23 [APPLAUSE.]

24



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANDREA VARGAS, BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

2    [APPLAUSE.]

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MARISSA RODRIGUEZ FOR BEST ACADEMIC

5    ACHIEVEMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RYAN MARCHAN. [APPLAUSE.]

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9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TRISH, DO YOU WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

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11   **TRISH PLOEHN:** I DO. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR

12   ANTONOVICH TO THE THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE

13   WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. THEY ARE TRULY

14   EXAMPLES OF TRIUMPH OVER ADVERSITY AND THEY SHOW WHAT CAN

15   HAPPEN WHEN PEOPLE PUT THEIR HEADS TOWARDS HARD WORK AND

16   DEDICATION. WE'RE REALLY, REALLY PROUD AS A DEPARTMENT OF THE

17   ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ALL OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND WE THANK YOU

18   VERY MUCH. AND TO THEIR FAMILIES, TOO. YOU SHOULD ALL BE VERY,

19   VERY PROUD OF THEM AND THEIR SOCIAL WORKERS. THANKS, ALL.

20   [APPLAUSE.]

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE AUDIENCE, I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE

23   STUDENTS FROM SANTA CLARITA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT STAND UP. I

24   MET WITH THEM EARLIER THIS MORNING. IT'S A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR

25   TOMORROW SO-- [APPLAUSE.]



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**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE APPRECIATE THEM COMING DOWN AND LEARNING  
MORE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT COUNTY GOVERNMENT, SO THANK YOU FOR  
COMING DOWN. NOW WE HAVE LITTLE BENJI, WHO IS NINE MONTHS OLD,  
IT'S A LITTLE BOY, A LITTLE TERRIER MIX, COMES WITH A FLAG.  
HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. OKAY. SO YOU CAN CALL (562) 728-4644  
FOR LITTLE BENJI OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO  
ADOPT HIM. I'M SURE ONE OF OUR STUDENTS CAN SURPRISE THEIR  
PARENTS BY BRINGING BENJI HOME, BUT WE DON'T WANT TO SURPRISE  
PARENTS LIKE THAT. ANYWAY, LITTLE BENJI.

11

**SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, MY UNDERSTANDING,  
LITTLE BENJI WAS FOUND BY ONE OF MY STAFF PEOPLE AND HE WAS  
ALL DIRTY AND CAUGHT UP WITH ALL KINDS OF THORNS AND HE HAD A  
VERY HIGH TEMPERATURE. THEY TOOK HIM TO THE VET AND SO HE'S A  
CUTE LITTLE PUPPY OR CUTE LITTLE DOG THAT REALLY DESERVES A  
GOOD HOME. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE ANGIE CASTRO FROM MY OFFICE  
WHO RESCUED BENJI. [APPLAUSE.]

19

**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

21

**SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOUR  
PRESENTATIONS.

24



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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME  
2    CHAIR, AND TAKE DELIGHT IN THE PRESENTATION THAT WE ARE ABOUT  
3    TO MAKE TO THE FOSHAY ROBOTICS TEAM. DELIGHTED TO HAVE WITH US  
4    TODAY SEVERAL OF THE STUDENTS, SOME OF THE MENTORS. WE  
5    ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRINCIPAL, YVONNE EDWARDS AND THE LEAD MENTOR,  
6    DARRYL NEWHOUSE. THE FOSHAY LEARNING CENTER ROBOTICS TEAM,  
7    NUMBER 597, KNOWN AS THE WOLVERINES, HAS DONE TREMENDOUS WORK  
8    IN DISTINGUISHING THEMSELVES FROM OTHER ROBOTICS TEAMS  
9    INVOLVED IN THE, QUOTE, "FOR INSPIRATION AND RECOGNITION OF  
10   SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY," OTHERWISE KNOWN AS F.I.R.S.T. THAT IS  
11   THE ROBOTICS COMPETITION. THE TEAM CONSISTS OF 25 MEMBERS, 12  
12   OF WHOM HAVE JOINED US THIS MORNING, WHO USE THEIR SKILLS AND  
13   THE GUIDANCE OF THEIR LEAD MENTOR, MR. NEWHOUSE, TO BUILD A  
14   ROBOT TO PERFORM PRESCRIBED TASKS AT SEVERAL COMPETITIONS. THE  
15   WORK EARNED THEM THE REGIONAL CHAIRMAN'S AWARD DURING THE  
16   INAUGURAL UTAH REGIONAL FIRST COMPETITION EARLIER THIS YEAR,  
17   AND AS A RESULT, THEY WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
18   NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HELD JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO IN ATLANTA,  
19   GEORGIA, TO COMPETE AGAINST 1,800 OTHER TEAMS. THE FIRST  
20   ORGANIZATION DISTRIBUTES 26 NATIONAL AWARDS AS A PART OF THIS  
21   COMPETITION AND FOSHAY LEARNING CENTER RECEIVED ONE OF THESE  
22   AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF THE EXCELLENCE IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.  
23   I THINK THAT DESERVES A BIG, A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.  
24   [APPLAUSE.]  
25



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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FOSHAY WAS THE ONLY TEAM IN THE  
2    COMPETITION WHO REPRESENTED THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL  
3    DISTRICT. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE PAST TEAM MEMBERS WHO NOW  
4    SERVE AS COLLEGE MENTORS FOR THE TEAM AS WELL AS TO ADULT  
5    SUPPORTERS WHO JOIN US TODAY, AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO JUST  
6    ACKNOWLEDGE THE MENTORS AND SUPPORTERS FOR THE WOLVERINES AND  
7    IF THEY WOULD JUST STAND AND RAISE THEIR HANDS FOR  
8    RECOGNITION. THEY ARE KEVIN ARCUDIO, OSCAR CORREA, JACQUELINE  
9    LIMAS, JOSE QUIHAS, CARLA SALINAS, AND THEN THERE'S GAYLE  
10    LENNON AND CLEMMY JONES. GIVE THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF  
11    APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.]

12

13   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND SO IT'S MY PLEASURE TO MAKE THIS  
14   PRESENTATION TO THE WOLVERINES FROM THE FOSHAY LEARNING  
15   CENTER. THEY HAVE ROBOTICS ON THEIR MIND. THIS IS TEAM NUMBER  
16   597. GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEIR AWARD-WINNING  
17   ENTRY. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND SO WE'RE GOING TO ASK THE PRINCIPAL,  
20   MISS EDWARDS, IF SHE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE COMMENTS AND THEN MR.  
21   NEWHOUSE, IF YOU WOULD BE SO INCLINED, AND THEN WE'LL WANT TO  
22   MAKE THESE PRESENTATIONS TO THE TEAM MEMBERS THEMSELVES. MS.  
23   EDWARDS?

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1 **YVONNE EDWARDS:** GOOD MORNING. I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM  
2 FOSHAY LEARNING CENTER. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR, AND ALL  
3 SUPERVISORS FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY. WE ARE SO DELIGHTED. I'M  
4 VERY PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS. THIS SUMMER, WE HAVE A N.A.S.A.  
5 PROGRAM WHERE WE WILL CONTINUE OUR INTERESTS IN MATH AND  
6 SCIENCE AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. NEWHOUSE, THE TEAM AND  
7 THE COUNTY FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT OF US AND L.A. UNIFIED  
8 SCHOOL DISTRICT. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **DARRYL NEWHOUSE:** I'D LIKE TO THANK MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR  
11 HAVING US HERE AND THE HONORABLE GLORIA MOLINA. WE'RE VERY  
12 HONORED TO BE HERE. JUST REAL QUICK, GUYS, WE HAVE A CRISIS IN  
13 THIS COUNTRY. YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT ENTERING THE SCIENCE,  
14 TECHNOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS FIELD. WE'RE OUTSOURCING ALL OF OUR  
15 ENGINEERS FROM INDIA, CHINA AND RUSSIA, AND WE'VE GOT TO DO  
16 SOMETHING ABOUT IT. ROBOTICS HAS ENABLED US TO MAKE THE  
17 CONNECTION BETWEEN WHAT'S TAUGHT IN THE CLASSROOM TO WHAT'S  
18 TAUGHT OUTSIDE AND KIDS MAKE REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS. THEY LEARN  
19 THINGS LIKE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING, THEY LEARN THE DESIGN  
20 PROCESS, THEY LEARN HOW TO WORK IN TEAMS, THEY LEARN  
21 RESPONSIBILITY, THEY LEARN PROFESSIONALISM, THEY LEARN ALL THE  
22 THINGS AT THIS AGE IN HIGH SCHOOL THAT THE BIG BUSINESSES ARE  
23 LOOKING FOR, PEOPLE THAT THEY CAN HIRE THAT ARE COMPETENT AND  
24 INTELLIGENT THAT CAN DO TECHNOLOGY. SO THAT'S WHY WE DO THIS,





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1 AND IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO BE HERE AND I THANK THE STUDENTS AND  
2 MY MENTORS. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH THAT KIND OF ENTHUSIASM, WE KNOW WHY  
5 THESE YOUNGSTERS HAVE DONE AS WELL AS THEY HAVE. WE THANK YOU,  
6 MR. NEWHOUSE. LET'S GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO THIS  
7 YOUNGSTERS. AND MARIA ALVA? SAMANTHA ARIOLA? SAMANTHA?  
8 [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GEORGE CHAVARIA. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DANIEL FLORES. [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LOUISE GABADIA. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RICHARD HIDALGO. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JENNIFER LIMAS. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DAVID LOPEZ. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUAN MEDUNO. [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUAN MEDUENO.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** [LAUGHTER.]

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3    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JOCELYN OCHOA. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GUSTAVO QUINTEROS. CATHERINE RODEN. GIVE  
6    THEM ALL A BIG, A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE WOLVERINES ARE  
9    IN THE HOUSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, FOSHAY LEARNING CENTER.  
10    [APPLAUSE.]

11

12    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
13    YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

14

15    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, WE HAVE A SPECIAL  
16    PRESENTATION. I'D LIKE TO ASK MARK COOGAN TO COME FORWARD, AND  
17    WHILE HE'S COMING FORWARD, WE HAVE A SPECIAL BRIEF VIDEO  
18    PRESENTATION THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE FOLKS UPSTAIRS TO  
19    ROLL. I THINK THEY WILL BE ON EITHER SIDE OF THIS. [VIDEO  
20    PLAYS]

21

22    **MARK COOGAN:** IT WAS A MONDAY IN JUNE, TUESDAY NIGHT, SIRHAN  
23    KILLED ROBERT KENNEDY. MY JOB STARTED A WORK LATER.

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1 **NARRATOR:** MARK STARTED WITH K.F.I. RADIO IN 1968 AS A GOPHER,  
2 THEN BECAME A WRITER AND A REPORTER AND A WITNESS TO THE  
3 BIGGEST STORIES OF THE ERA.

4

5 **MARK COOGAN:** THE FIRST TIME I COVERED IN MY LIFE WAS MANSON'S  
6 TRIAL. (SINGING.)

7

8 **MARK COOGAN:** I WAS AT THE S.L.A. SHOOT-OUT IN 1974.

9

10 **NARRATOR:** MARK LEFT K.F.I. IN 1976 AND EVENTUALLY LANDED WITH  
11 THE A.B.C. NETWORK. HE LEFT THE NETWORK AND JOINED K.A.B.C. IN  
12 1981, CHRONICLING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S MOST PIVOTAL EVENTS  
13 FOR THE NEXT 30 YEARS. THE L.A. RIOTS.

14

15 **MARK COOGAN:** AND AT SLAUSON AND VERMONT, THE POLICE WERE  
16 CONFRONTING THE LOOTERS. WE'RE GOING TO SHOW YOU THAT BIT OF  
17 VIDEOTAPE RIGHT NOW. I REMEMBERED SITTING THERE, SEEING THINGS  
18 BURN AND THINKING TO MYSELF, "HOW IS THIS CITY EVER GOING TO  
19 RECOVER FROM THIS?"

20

21 **NARRATOR:** THE NORTHRIDGE QUAKE.

22

23 **MARK COOGAN:** AND I REMEMBER RUNNING OVER AND HOLDING ONTO A  
24 WALL. THE FLOOR'S RATTLING AND ROLLING AND STUFF. AND FINALLY  
25 IT STOPS. ANYWAY, I I'VE GOT TO GET TO WORK.



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2 **NARRATOR:** THE O.J. SIMPSON CASE.

3

4 **MARK COOGAN:** HE MAY COME AND HE MAY NOT COME.

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6 **MARK COOGAN:** I REMEMBER DRIVING DOWN BY THE AIRPORT AND HERE  
7 THEY COME UP OVER THE RISE ON THESE THREE LANES AWAY. AL  
8 COLLINS IS IN THE WHITE BRONCO.

9

10 **NARRATOR:** IF YOU KNOW MARK, YOU KNOW HE'S NOT AFRAID TO TELL  
11 IT LIKE IT IS, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO POLITICS, AND HE'S  
12 SEEN IT ALL, FROM TOM BRADLEY.

13

14 **MARK COOGAN:** POLITICALLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT THING I'VE SEEN.

15

16 **NARRATOR:** TO JERRY BROWN.

17

18 **MARK COOGAN:** HERE HE IS AGAIN, JERRY BROWN IS BACK AGAIN.

19

20 **NARRATOR:** TO GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER.

21

22 **MARK COOGAN:** I THOUGHT HE WOULD DO BETTER.

23

24 **NARRATOR:** TO RICHARD RIORDAN.

25



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1   **RICHARD RIORDAN:** SINCERELY, YOU WERE THE BEST OF THE BEST OF  
2   THE BEST.

3

4   **JANICE HAHN:** HE CERTAINLY COVERED MY DAD, KENNY HAHN,  
5   CERTAINLY COVERED MY BROTHER, JIM HAHN.

6

7   **PETE WILSON:** MARK, WHAT IS THIS RETIREMENT? YOU'RE JUST A KID.

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MARK COOGAN IS REALLY ONE OF THE STALWARTS  
10  IN JOURNALISM AND IN BROADCAST JOURNALISM IN LOS ANGELES.

11

12  **NARRATOR:** THE INDUSTRY IS GOING TO LOSE A PERSON THAT REALLY  
13  MADE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE INDUSTRY, AND THE PEOPLE AND THE  
14  ISSUES COVERED.

15

16  **NARRATOR:** MARK JOINED C.B.S. 2 IN THE SPRING OF 2000 BRINGING  
17  HIS NO NONSENSE APPROACH TO THE NEWS.

18

19  **MARK COOGAN:** AT SOME ADDRESSES, THE NEWS IS NOT GOING TO BE  
20  GOOD.

21

22  **SHERIFF LEROY BACA:** MARK, CONGRATULATIONS.

23

24  **MAYOR ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA:** WE'RE GOING TO MISS HIM.

25



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1    **L.A.P.D. CHIEF CHARLIE BECK:** MARK, CONGRATULATIONS.

2

3    **MARK COOGAN:** YOU'VE GOT TO CHRONICLE OF THE STORY OF THE CITY.

4    IT'S THAT SIMPLE. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT DOESN'T DO YOUR CAREER JUSTICE TO DO  
7    THAT IN A MINUTE OR SO, BUT IT'S AS GOOD AS IT GETS IN A  
8    MINUTE, AND I THINK IT GIVES US A LITTLE FLAVOR OF WHAT YOU,  
9    MARK, HAVE PARTICIPATED IN, WHAT YOU'VE COVERED OVER THESE  
10    LAST FOUR DECADES IN LOS ANGELES. JUST TO PUT IT IN  
11    PERSPECTIVE, YOU WERE COVERING THE NEWS WHEN I WAS ELECTED,  
12    AND THAT'S A LONG TIME AGO, WHEN I WAS FIRST ELECTED, AND I  
13    THINK YOU COVERED MY FIRST CAMPAIGN AND IT COVERED ALL OF US,  
14    BOTH IN THE CITY HALL AND HERE AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,  
15    NOT EXACTLY THE SEXIEST STORIES OF ALL TIME, BUT NOT LIKE THE  
16    ONES WE'VE SEEN HERE, BUT THAT'S WHERE WE GOT TO KNOW YOU, AS  
17    SOMEONE WHO WAS A STRAIGHT SHOOTER, SOMEONE WHO CALLS THEM AS  
18    HE SEES THEM, DOESN'T COME TO THE STORY WITH AN AGENDA BUT  
19    COVERS WHAT UNFOLDS IN FRONT OF YOU, AND IN SO DOING, YOU WERE  
20    ACTUALLY AND HAVE BEEN FOR ALL OF THESE YEARS A REPRESENTATIVE  
21    OF THE PUBLIC, THE VIEWING PUBLIC WHO CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE YOU  
22    ARE AND WHO RELY ON YOU TO CONVEY THE STORY AS IT HAPPENS, NOT  
23    AS YOU'D LIKE IT TO HAVE HAPPENED, NOT AS SOMEBODY ELSE WOULD  
24    LIKE IT TO HAVE HAPPENED. I SAID IN THAT INTERVIEW THAT THEY  
25    HAD IN YOUR VIDEO WHAT THEY CUT OUT WAS THAT YOU'RE IN THAT



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1 LEAGUE OF BROADCAST JOURNALISTS IN THIS TOWN. I PUT YOU IN THE  
2 BAND WITH PEOPLE LIKE CLETE ROBERTS AND MAURY GREEN, GREAT  
3 BROADCAST JOURNALISTS WHO I THINK FOLLOWED THE EDWARD R.  
4 MURROW MANTRA OF CALLING THEM AS THEY SEE THEM AND BEING  
5 OBJECTIVE ABOUT STORIES AND LET THE STORY TELL ITSELF, AND IN  
6 THAT REGARD, YOU HAVE JUST BEEN AN INCREDIBLE TREASURE TO LOS  
7 ANGELES, BOTH AT CHANNEL 2, 9, AT CHANNEL 7, AT K.F.I. WHEN  
8 K.F.I. WAS THE CIVIL DEFENSE STATION. I THINK YOU GO BACK THAT  
9 FAR. THE 640 CLEAR CHANNEL STATION, AS I THINK THEY CALLED IT.  
10 SO EVERYTHING THAT'S IN THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN COVERED IN  
11 THAT VIDEO THAT WE JUST SAW, BUT WHAT ISN'T IN THE VIDEO IS  
12 OUR MIXED EMOTIONS ABOUT YOUR RETIREMENT FROM BROADCAST  
13 JOURNALISM IN LOS ANGELES. YOU HAVE BEEN A GREAT ASSET TO US,  
14 TO THE PEOPLE WHO DEPEND ON US AND YOU'VE JUST BEEN A PRO.  
15 THAT'S THE BEST COMPLIMENT I THINK ANY OF US CAN PAY YOU IS  
16 THAT YOU'VE BEEN A PRO. YOU LOVE POLITICS, I KNOW YOU DO,  
17 YOU'VE COVERED CONVENTIONS. EVERY CONVENTION I'VE BEEN AT, YOU  
18 WERE THERE. YOU LOVE POLITICS, BUT YOU WERE ABLE TO TRANSLATE  
19 THE STORIES THAT CAME OUT OF THOSE POLITICAL DONNYBROOKS INTO  
20 LANGUAGE THAT THE AVERAGE GUY, INCLUDING MANY OF US, COULD  
21 UNDERSTAND AND MAKE SENSE OUT OF THE CONFUSION THAT WAS GOING  
22 ON, AND YOU COVERED JUST ABOUT EVERY MAJOR STORY IN LOS  
23 ANGELES IN THE LAST 40 YEARS, AND THAT'S-- THERE HAVE BEEN A  
24 FEW MAJOR STORIES IN LOS ANGELES IN THE LAST 40 YEARS, SO ALL  
25 FIVE OF US WANTED TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO YOU AT THE





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1 MARK COOGAN, AND I'LL READ THE RESOLVE PART, "THAT BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COMMEND MARK COOGAN  
3 FOR A LIFETIME OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN RADIO AND  
4 TELEVISION BROADCAST JOURNALISM AND THAT HE IS EXTENDED  
5 SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND REWARDING  
6 RETIREMENT WITH CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL FUTURE ENDEAVORS."  
7 YOU WILL MISSED IN YOUR PROFESSION AND WE HOPE YOU DON'T MAKE  
8 YOURSELF A STRANGER. CONGRATULATIONS, MARK.

9

10 **MARK COOGAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET ME JUST ADD THAT WE WANT TO  
13 CONGRATULATE YOU, MARK. WE APPRECIATE THE COVERAGE THAT YOU'VE  
14 DONE HERE. I WAS ALWAYS AMAZED WITH YOURSELF AS WELL AS GENE  
15 THE PATIENCE THAT YOU ALL HAD AND WHETHER IT WAS IN THE CITY  
16 COUNCIL MEETING OR HERE OR ANY OTHER,, THE KIND OF PATIENCE  
17 YOU HAD IN WAITING FOR A STORY TO HAPPEN. BUT WHEN IT CAME OUT  
18 IN THE PRESS, IT LOOKED SO FRESH AND GREAT AND WONDERFUL, AND  
19 I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRED YOUR WORK. CONGRATULATIONS.

20

21 **MARK COOGAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ONE LITTLE PERSONAL  
22 OBSERVATION, TWO WEEKS AGO AT THE LAKERS PARADE, A LITTLE BOY  
23 IN FOURTH GRADE FROM RIVERSIDE CAME UP TO ME AND ASKED ME,  
24 "WHAT IS YOUR JOB LIKE?" AND I TOLD HIM, "WELL IT'S LIKE BEING  
25 IN SCHOOL, WHERE EVERY DAY IS AN ASSEMBLY OR LIKE A MOVIE, BUT



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1    THEY'RE ALL DIFFERENT. THERE ARE A LOT OF SEQUELS, BUT THERE  
2    ARE NO RERUNS." AND SO I'VE BEEN EXTREMELY FORTUNATE TO HAVE A  
3    GOOD SEAT IN THAT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FOR MANY, MANY YEARS,  
4    WATCHING LOS ANGELES EVOLVE AND TRYING TO DESCRIBE WHAT I SAW.  
5    AS FAR AS TODAY, I'M VERY, VERY GRATEFUL AND FLATTERED BY  
6    THIS. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I WISH YOU ALL THE VERY, VERY  
7    BEST. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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9    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALTHOUGH I AM NOT UP YET FIRST, I'M GOING  
10    TO ASK CHIEF BLEVINS IF HE WOULD JOIN US AS WELL AS MR.  
11    REMINGTON HERE AS WELL. AND I HOPE THAT COUNTY COUNSEL IS HERE  
12    AS WELL.

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14    **DONALD BLEVINS:** I THINK MR. REMINGTON STEPPED OUT FOR A  
15    MINUTE.

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17    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY?

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19    **DONALD BLEVINS:** I THINK MR. REMINGTON STEPPED OUT FOR A  
20    MINUTE.

21

22    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, OKAY. WELL, WHEN HE COMES BACK IN. IT  
23    IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT TODAY BEGINS THE-- IS IT THE AUDITOR-  
24    CONTROLLER'S REVIEW OF ALL OF OUR PAYROLL?

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1     **DONALD BLEVINS:** YES.

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3     **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** FUNCTIONS, OR AT LEAST THE PAYROLL  
4     ACCOUNTING? AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU HAVE-- THAT THE  
5     AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IS ASKING A SERIES OF QUESTIONS FROM  
6     EVERYTHING FROM EMPLOYEE'S NAME, AND WORK SITE, THE  
7     SUPERVISOR'S NAME AND WORK SITE AS WELL AS ISSUES OF FREQUENCY  
8     OF TELECOMMUTING AND ASKING FOR A SIGNATURE AND ASKING THE  
9     EMPLOYEE FOR A WORK PHONE NUMBER. I THINK THESE ARE ALL WITHIN  
10    THE SCOPE OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THE EMPLOYER FOR THE  
11    EMPLOYEES AND SO-- AND HOPEFULLY WE'RE GOING TO GET TO A REAL  
12    TRUE AUDIT OF ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES AND WHERE THEY'RE AT AND SO  
13    ON. IT'S A SHAME THAT WE'VE HAD TO GO THIS ROUTE, BUT AT THE  
14    SAME TIME, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
15    PROBATION OFFICERS' UNION HAS SENT OUT AN EMAIL OR SOME KIND  
16    OF AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IT IS SIGNED BY RALPH MILLER AS  
17    PRESIDENT, ASKING THEM THAT-- TELLING THEM THAT THEY'RE ONLY  
18    REQUIRED TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO-- WHAT IS  
19    THIS-- YOUR WORK SITE AND YOUR IDENTITY AND THAT'S IT, AND  
20    THAT THEY SHOULD DECLINE TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, AND I  
21    JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT AS THE EMPLOYER, WOULDN'T WE  
22    CONSIDER THIS INSUBORDINATION?

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1   **CAL REMINGTON:** IF I MAY, MADAME SUPERVISOR -- OR MADAME CHAIR,  
2   I THINK IT WAS REALLY A MISCOMMUNICATION THAT STARTED WITH THE  
3   DEPARTMENT AND --

4  
5   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISCOMMUNICATION IN WHAT SENSE?  
6

7   **CAL REMINGTON:** WELL, THE PEACE OFFICERS HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS  
8   UNDER THE PEACE OFFICER BILL OF RIGHTS. ONE IS YOU CAN'T HAVE  
9   YOUR LOCKERS SEARCHED, AND SO WE HAD A MANAGER LAST WEEK WHO  
10   WANTED TO SEARCH SOME LOCKERS. HE COULDN'T. THAT WAS  
11   STRAIGHTENED OUT, BUT I THINK THAT RESULTED IN UNION MEMBERS  
12   BEING NERVOUS ABOUT WHAT ALL THIS MEANT. I TALKED TO, A FEW  
13   MINUTES AGO, A STEWARD -- CHIEF STEWARD OUT AT CHALLENGER. I  
14   SHOWED HIM THE QUESTIONS, AND HE HAS NO PROBLEMS. THOSE ARE  
15   WORK SITE QUESTIONS AND THEY'RE ALLOWABLE UNDER P.O.V.A.R.,  
16   THE UNION AGREES, SO I THINK WE'RE FINE.

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18   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** HAVE YOU ASKED THE UNION TO PULL BACK THIS  
19   STATEMENT AND ISSUE A NEW ONE TO ITS EMPLOYEES?  
20

21   **CAL REMINGTON:** THE PRESIDENT IS IN BOSTON. I LEFT A MESSAGE ON  
22   HIS CELL PHONE. BUT AS I SAID, THE STEWARD FOR CHALLENGER,  
23   WHICH IS REALLY WHERE THIS AROSE, LOOKED AT THE QUESTIONS. THE  
24   UNION, I WAS TOLD, HAS NO PROBLEM, MADAME CHAIR, WITH THESE  
25   QUESTIONS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT IF, IN FACT, THESE  
3 OFFICIAL LETTERS HAVE GONE OUT TO UNION MEMBERS, WHAT ARE YOU  
4 GOING TO DO IF THEY REFUSE TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS?

5

6 **CAL REMINGTON:** WELL, ULTIMATELY, IF THEY REFUSE, IT COULD BE  
7 INSUBORDINATION, BUT I DO NOT THINK THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN,  
8 MADAME CHAIR. I THINK THEY'LL CALL THEIR UNION, I THINK IT  
9 WILL BE STRAIGHTENED OUT. I DO NOT THINK IT WILL GET TO THAT  
10 POINT, BUT ULTIMATELY THEY AGREE, THESE ARE QUESTIONS THAT THE  
11 EMPLOYEE HAS TO ANSWER AND NEEDS TO ANSWER. THE ISSUE THAT  
12 THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT DOES NOT RELATE TO THESE QUESTIONS.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT, AGAIN, WE HAVE  
15 SUCH A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY TO GET THIS DEPARTMENT BACK IN  
16 ORDER. I THINK THAT THE BASIC ISSUES OF EMPLOYEE MANAGEMENT  
17 AND WE AS THE EMPLOYER, WE HAVE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. I  
18 WANT US TO BE RESPECTFUL OF UNION RULES, BUT THIS IS NOT ONE  
19 OF THEM, AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO SEND A FORMAL LETTER TO  
20 MR. MILLER CHASTISING HIM FOR THIS KIND OF EFFORT, AND I JUST  
21 DON'T THINK THIS IS APPROPRIATE. NOW GRANTED, IT WAS PROBABLY  
22 NOT APPROPRIATE FOR US TO BE GOING THROUGH INDIVIDUAL LOCKERS  
23 IF THAT'S NOT APPROPRIATE EITHER, BUT AGAIN, THIS IS NOT THE  
24 WAY WE ARE GOING TO OPERATE THIS DEPARTMENT. WE NEED TO GET TO  
25 SOME BASIC MANAGEMENT CONTROL, SINCE IT'S BEEN OUT OF CONTROL



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1 FOR YEARS, AND I THINK THAT HOPEFULLY THE UNION IS GOING TO DO  
2 WHAT THEY SAY, WHICH IS WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
3 DEPARTMENT AND WITH THIS BOARD. HOPEFULLY YOU COULD ENCOURAGE  
4 THEM TO RESCIND THIS ACTION AND TO, YOU KNOW, PREVENT THIS  
5 FROM HAPPENING AGAIN.

6

7 **CAL REMINGTON:** AND I'M CONFIDENT, SUPERVISOR, THAT THEY--

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, MAYBE WE CAN GET THE  
10 SERGEANTS TO CAUSE THOSE ON BOTH SIDES--

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CAN WE GET THE WHAT?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CAN WE GET THE SERGEANTS TO CALL ON BOTH  
15 OF THE SIDES? IT'S DIFFICULT TO HEAR AND THIS IS A PRETTY  
16 IMPORTANT DISCUSSION.

17

18 **DONALD BLEVINS:** MADAME CHAIR, WE JUST REVIEWED THE QUESTIONS  
19 THIS MORNING, SO WE WILL DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE, BUT WE THINK  
20 IT'S PERFECTLY REASONABLE FOR OUR STAFF TO ANSWER THESE  
21 QUESTIONS AND WE WILL CONTACT MR. MILLER AND ASK THAT HE  
22 RESCIND HIS LETTER.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK WE HAVE TO DO THAT. ANY OTHER  
25 QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I APPRECIATE IT.



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2     **DONALD BLEVINS:** THANK YOU.

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4     **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR  
5     ANTONOVICH.

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7     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT  
8     MOTIONS. VICTORIA MELIKAN LAIRMORE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. WAS  
9     THE AUNT OF OUR FORMER COUNTY COUNSEL, BILL PELLMAN. SHE WAS  
10    THE MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FOR CAL  
11    TECH'S J.P.L. WHERE SHE WORKED FOR 21 YEARS. AFTER RETIRING,  
12    SHE THEN FORMED TWO COMPANIES, PICKERING FUEL RESOURCES AND  
13    LIAGNETICS TO CONVERT WOOD WASTE DESTINED FOR LANDFILLS TO A  
14    CLEAN BURNING FUEL THAT EXCEEDS THE STANDARDS OF THE E.P.A..  
15    PICKERING FUEL RESOURCES WAS LATER MERGED INTO LIGNETICS.  
16    VICTORIA WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF CAL TECH'S ATHENAEUM AND THE  
17    PASADENA OPERA GUILD AND A FREQUENT DONOR TO MANY CHARITIES  
18    AND IS SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER, CHRISTOPHER, TWO NIECES  
19    AND THREE NEPHEWS. JUDGE PAUL GUTMAN, PASSED AWAY. HE WAS A  
20    GRADUATE OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE ALSO RECEIVED HIS  
21    LAW DEGREE. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, WAS APPOINTED  
22    TO THE SUPERIOR COURT BY GOVERNOR PETE WILSON AND HE SERVED AS  
23    SUPERVISING JUDGE OF THE FAMILY LAW COURT AND SUPERVISING  
24    JUDGE OF THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF  
25    40 YEARS, DIANA BAKER GUTMAN. JUDGE JACK CRICKARD WHO PASSED





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1 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE WAS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT RONALD  
2 REAGAN, WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR, TO THE SUPERIOR COURT. HE  
3 RECEIVED HIS DEGREES AT U.C.L.A. AND HIS LAW DEGREE FROM  
4 U.S.C.. HE DEVELOPED TWO PROGRAMS WHILE ON THE BENCH: ONE TO  
5 ADDRESS THE AREAS OF CLASS ACTION AND A SECOND OFFER  
6 CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION FOR LAWYERS. AFTER HIS RETIREMENT,  
7 HE RETURNED TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW AS A PRIVATE JUDGE. CARLOS  
8 EDUARDO DOMINGUEZ PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY ON JUNE 21ST. HE  
9 IMMIGRATED FROM COLUMBIA, BECAME A CITIZEN IN 1975, WORKED FOR  
10 XEROX CORP. FOR 35 YEARS. WHEN HIS YOUNGER BROTHER HAD PASSED  
11 AWAY, HE HELPED RAISE HIS THREE NEPHEWS WITH HIS OWN THREE  
12 CHILDREN. DR. CHARLES DOMINGUEZ, ANNA AND JESSICA. HE SERVED  
13 AS A FATHER FIGURE AND MENTOR TO L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF JOSEPH  
14 DOMINGUEZ, DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY SCOTT DOMINGUEZ, AND L.A.  
15 CITY FIRE FIGHTER PARAMEDIC BRIAN DOMINGUEZ. YVETTE FIMBRES,  
16 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
17 OF 40. GRADUATE OF CAL STATE L.A., SHE WORKED FOR THE  
18 DEPARTMENT FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS AND SHE WAS QUITE INVOLVED  
19 WITH THE CROSS COUNTRY BOOSTER CLUB AT DON BOSCO TECHNICAL  
20 INSTITUTE. SHE LIVES HER HUSBAND, BENJAMIN AND TWO CHILDREN,  
21 AND HER FATHER AND TWO SISTERS. DR. MARIE-ANTOINETTE ZRIMC,  
22 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. SHE ENDURED THE NAZI OCCUPATION  
23 IN FRANCE AND IMMIGRATED TO ENGLAND AND THEN THE UNITED STATES  
24 WHERE SHE ULTIMATELY RECEIVED HER DOCTORATE IN LITERATURE FROM  
25 HARVARD UNIVERSITY. SHE HAD SERVED THE PAST 20 YEARS AS



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1 PROFESSOR AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES AS THE  
2 CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE.  
3 PASTOR DAVID MARTINEZ, PASTOR OF VICTORY OUTREACH CHURCH OF  
4 SAN FERNANDO, WHOSE MINISTRY IMPACTED THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS  
5 OF FORMER GANG MEMBERS, ADDICTS AND OTHERS OVER THE LAST 35  
6 YEARS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE FAITH AND THEIR DAUGHTERS  
7 DAVINA, LAYVA, AND HIS SONS JONATHAN AND MIGUEL, AND HIS  
8 SISTER AND FOUR BROTHERS. STEVE RADMKOVICH, PASSED AWAY AT THE  
9 AGE OF 59, ACTIVE MEMBER OF LOCAL 12 OPERATING ENGINEERS. HE  
10 IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER MILLIE AND BROTHER RONNIE. ROWS  
11 SAPIENZA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75. JESUS "CHUY"  
12 CONRIQUEZ, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE OF LA VERNE, SERVED IN  
13 THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR AND WORKED FOR  
14 THE POMONA WATER DEPARTMENT. AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HOLY NAME OF  
15 MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SAN DIMAS. PRESCOTT BUSH, BROTHER OF  
16 FORMER PRESIDENT, GEORGE H. W. BUSH, AN UNCLE OF GEORGE W.  
17 BUSH, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. HE SERVED IN POLITICS IN  
18 CONNECTICUT IN 1982, HAD BEEN A CANDIDATE FOR THE U.S. SENATE.  
19 HE FOUNDED THE UNITED STATES-CHINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, A  
20 NONPROFIT WHICH ENCOURAGES TRADE AND INVESTMENT BETWEEN THE  
21 TWO COUNTRIES. ROBERT CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" BLACKARD, WHO WORKED  
22 AT L.A.X., PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY AT THE AGE OF 30. MOSES  
23 "EL INDIO" ELIAS, WORKED AS AN ENGINEER FOR THE PAST 31 YEARS,  
24 WORLD WAR II VETERAN, AND MARGARET KOONTZ, PASSED AWAY AT THE



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1 AGE OF 74. SHE WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
2 DEPARTMENT. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM 13.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 13.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS THE INDIGENT LEGAL DEFENSE COSTS. IS  
11 THERE SOMEBODY FROM THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE? SO HOW DOES  
12 IT FEEL TO BE BACK ON THE OTHER SIDE?

13

14 **BOB KALUNIAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I THOUGHT I RETIRED.  
15 BOB KALUNIAN, PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S LIKE MUSICAL CHAIRS.

18

19 **JANICE MCKAE:** JANICE MCKAE, ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

20

21 **JACKIE WHITE:** JACKIE WHITE, C.E.O.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE REPORT INDICATES THAT ONE REASON FOR THE  
24 COST OF OUT OF CONTROL INDIGENT DEFENSE SPENDING BY THE COURT  
25 WAS DUE TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER BEING UNAVAILABLE, YET THE



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1   AUDIT INDICATES THAT EVEN THOUGH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER WENT FROM  
2   BEING UNAVAILABLE IN 9,673 CASES IN 2008/2009, TO ZERO IN  
3   2009/2010, THE COST DECREASED BY ONLY 2 PERCENT. IT APPEARS  
4   THAT THE INCREASE IN EXTRA WITNESS COSTS AND OTHER FACTORS HAD  
5   LED TO THE RUNAWAY INCREASE IN INDIGENT DEFENSE SPENDING BY  
6   THE COURT. SINCE THERE'S A LIST OF DOCTORS AND OTHER EXPERTS,  
7   WHAT CONSTITUTES A REASON FOR THE JUDGES TO APPOINT  
8   INDIVIDUALS NOT ON THE LIST AND WHY ARE THOSE INDIVIDUALS PAID  
9   MORE THAN THOSE WHO ARE ON THE LIST?

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11   **BOB KALUNIAN:** BOB KALUNIAN, PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE.  
12   OFTENTIMES THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS ON THE EXPERT LIST, FOR LACK  
13   OF A BETTER TERM, GENERIC ISSUES. OFTENTIMES, THERE ARE VERY  
14   SPECIALIZED ISSUES, VERY COMPLEX ISSUES RELATING TO A VERY  
15   SPECIFIC AREA OF EXPERTISE, SOMETIMES MEDICAL, SOMETIMES  
16   D.N.A., EVEN THERE IS AN EVOLVING-- EVOLVING ISSUES WITH  
17   REGARD TO FINGERPRINTS AND OTHER FORENSIC-TYPE SITUATIONS  
18   WHICH REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE A MORE SPECIALIZED  
19   EXPERTISE IN BASICALLY THE COST OF APPOINTING AN EXPERT WITH  
20   MORE EXPERTISE IT INCREASES. ALTHOUGH I AM NOT CONVINCED THAT  
21   THAT IS THE ONLY INCREASE IN THE EXPERTS' COSTS. I THINK THAT  
22   THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FACTORS THAT GO INTO THE COST OF  
23   INDIGENT DEFENSE, SUPERVISOR. EXPERTS IS ONE, AND THERE ARE A  
24   NUMBER OF TYPES OF EXPERTS. I BELIEVE DURING THAT PERIOD OF  
25   TIME, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF CAPITAL CASES THAT WERE TRIED



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1 WHICH ARE VERY RESOURCE INTENSIVE FOR THE DEFENSE AND THE  
2 PROSECUTION, AND I BELIEVE THAT MAY BE PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE  
3 FOR SOME OF INCREASE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO YOU GUARD AGAINST A JUDGE APPOINTING  
6 FRIENDS, NOT ON THE LIST, JUST TO APPOINT FRIENDS AND THEN PAY  
7 THEM MORE THAN THOSE WHO ARE ON THE LIST?

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11 **>>BOB KALUNIAN::** WITH REGARD TO EXPERTS OR LAWYERS?

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EXPERTS.

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15 **BOB KALUNIAN:** I THINK YOU HAVE TO RELY ON THE POLICING POWER  
16 OF THE SUPERVISING JUDGE OF CRIMINAL AND THE PRESIDING JUDGE  
17 OF THE LOS ANGELES SUPREME COURT. AND FRANKLY, I REALLY DON'T  
18 THINK THAT OCCURS IN THE AREA OF EXPERTS, SUPERVISOR. YEARS  
19 AGO, THAT WAS PROBABLY THE CASE WITH REGARD TO LAWYERS, BUT  
20 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SAFEGUARDS BUILT IN THE SYSTEM TO  
21 PRECLUDE THAT PRESENTLY.

22

23 **JANICE FUKAI:** I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR. JANICE  
24 FUKAI, A.P.D. IN FACT, I THINK THAT THE COURTS HAVE BEEN  
25 EXTREMELY DILIGENT IN MONITORING THE COSTS. IF ANYTHING,



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1    THEY'LL CUT THE COSTS DOWN THAT'S BEING REQUESTED, SO I THINK  
2    WE REALLY OWE A LOT TO THE COURTS FOR MONITORING THAT, AND I  
3    HAVE NOT HEARD OF THAT HAPPENING, AT LEAST FOR THE LAST FIVE  
4    OR SIX YEARS.

5

6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE AVERAGE COST PER  
7    FAMILY LAW APPOINTMENT IS \$1950. WE PAY CRIMINAL LAWYERS FROM  
8    OUR PANEL SUBSTANTIALLY LESS. IS THERE AN EFFORT TO CREATE A  
9    FAMILY LAW LAWYERS-- A PANEL OF FAMILY LAW LAWYERS TO REDUCE  
10   COSTS OR CREATE A FLAT FEE THAT WE WOULD PAY THEM?

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14   **>>BOB KALUNIAN:** PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
15   ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THAT ASPECT OF FAMILY LAW. THAT'S, I  
16   BELIEVE, THE DEPENDENCY WHICH THE C.E.O. MAYBE CAN ANSWER.

17

18   **JACKIE WHITE:** AND SUPERVISOR, AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE NOT LOOKED  
19   INTO THAT. IT IS ONE OF THE MANY THINGS THAT WE WILL EXPLORE  
20   IN AN EFFORT TO GET THE COST DOWN.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'LL EXPLORE THAT.

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24   **JACKIE WHITE:** WE WILL EXPLORE THAT.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE REAL REASON FOR  
2   THESE INCREASES IN COURT EXPENDITURES, WE NEED TO REVIEW  
3   P.A.C.E, WHICH IS THE SYSTEM USED TO PAY EXPERT WITNESSES. IN  
4   MOVING THE MOTION, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE A REPORT BACK BY  
5   SEPTEMBER FROM THE P.A.C.E. SYSTEM AS TO WHICH EXPERTS ARE  
6   BEING PAID THE MOST, WHAT DOCTORS GET PAID MORE THAN THOSE ON  
7   THE APPROVED LIST OF DOCTORS, SINCE THERE ARE EXPERTS BEING  
8   USED WHO ARE NOT ON THE APPROVED LIST? WHAT IS THE TOTAL  
9   AMOUNT BEING PAID TO EXPERTS NOT ON THE LIST? HOW OFTEN ARE  
10   NUMEROUS EXPERTS ON THE SAME TYPE APPOINTED TO THE SAME CASE?  
11   IN OTHER WORDS, HOW OFTEN ARE THERE MORE THAN TWO  
12   PSYCHOLOGISTS APPOINTED TO THE SAME CASE, AND THE THIRD POINT,  
13   WOULD IT BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE IF PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS WERE  
14   PAID ON WORK PERFORMED RATHER THAN HOURS WORKED SUCH AS A  
15   FIXED RATE FOR SERVING SUBPOENAS, INTERVIEWING WITNESSES  
16   RATHER THAN HOURS WORKED? SO WE CAN HAVE THAT AS A REPORT BACK  
17   AS WE APPROVE THE ITEM 13.

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19   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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21   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A QUICK POINT, MADAME CHAIR, AND HELP  
22   ME IF I'M INCORRECT IN MY UNDERSTANDING. WHAT'S REALLY AT  
23   STAKE HERE IS THE PURPOSE FOR OUR HAVING THESE TWO PIECES OF  
24   THE JUDICIAL PROCESS IN PLACE, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE  
25   ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND IF, IN FACT, THESE RESOURCES ARE





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1 NOT IN PLACE, AND I CERTAINLY DON'T INTEND THESE REMARKS TO IN  
2 ANY WAY DETRACT FROM THE THRUST OF WHAT MR. ANTONOVICH IS  
3 RAISING, BUT NOT TO DO THIS LIMITS THE ABILITY TO PROPERLY  
4 REPRESENT AND/OR DEFEND THOSE CLIENTS. THAT'S THE CORE ISSUE,  
5 IS IT NOT? OR AM I MISSING SOMETHING HERE?

6

7 **BOB KALUNIAN:** I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR. WE BELIEVE  
8 THAT THE COURT IS IN THE BEST POSITION TO MAKE A DETERMINATION  
9 WHETHER AN EXPERT IS APPROPRIATE OR NOT, AND GENERALLY  
10 SPEAKING, GOOD CAUSE HAS TO BE SHOWN BY THE MOVING PARTY TO  
11 GET THE EXPERT APPOINTED FROM THE DEFENSE STANDPOINT, AND YOU  
12 RAISE AN INTERESTING POINT IN THE SENSE THAT THE PROSECUTION  
13 HAS UNLIMITED RESOURCES AND DOESN'T GO TO THE COURT TO GET  
14 THEIR EXPERTS. THEY HAVE THE FULL FORCE AND EFFECT OF LAW  
15 ENFORCEMENT ALL THE WAY UP TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WHEN THEY  
16 NEED IT. SO I THINK THAT WE ARE ALWAYS STRUGGLING FOR AN EVEN  
17 PLAYING FIELD IN REGARDS TO EXPERTS.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S A FUNDAMENTAL FEATURE OF DEMOCRACY,  
20 AS I SEE IT, AND I THINK THAT SHOULD BE UNDERScoreD AND WE  
21 SHOULDN'T LOSE SIGHT OF IT. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE HAVE A MOTION AND SECONDED.  
24 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? MIKE?

25



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST THE ITEM ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK WITH  
2   THOSE POINTS RELATIVE TO C.E.O. WORKING ON FLAT FEE FOR  
3   CONTRACTS AND THE -- WHAT EXPERTS ARE BEING PAID THE MOST,  
4   WHAT DOCTORS GET PAID MORE THAN THOSE ON THE APPROVED LIST OF  
5   DOCTORS SINCE THEIR EXPERTS ARE ALREADY BEING USED NOT ON THE  
6   APPROVED LIST. WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT BEING PAID TO EXPERTS  
7   NOT ON THE LIST? HOW MUCH ARE NUMEROUS EXPERTS OF THE SAME  
8   TYPE APPOINTED TO THE SAME CASE? IN OTHER WORDS, HOW OFTEN ARE  
9   THERE MORE THAN TWO PSYCHOLOGISTS APPOINTED TO THE SAME CASE?  
10   WOULD IT BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE IF PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS ARE  
11   PAID ON WORK PERFORMED RATHER THAN HOURS PERFORMED, SUCH AS  
12   FIXED RATE FOR SERVING SUBPOENAS, INTERVIEWING WITNESSES,  
13   RATHER THAN HOURS WORKED?

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15   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM AND  
16   WITH THE AMENDMENT. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM 15, ON THE PARK, WE HAD GOTTEN-- I  
19   GUESS IT WAS LAST WEEK OR THE WEEK BEFORE THAT THEY'RE GOING  
20   TO CLOSE THE GRAND AVENUE ENTRY LEVEL AND THEY'RE GOING TO PUT  
21   LIMITATIONS ON THE HILL STREET--

22

23   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. COULD WE HAVE IT QUIET ON THIS  
24   SIDE SO WE CAN HEAR? THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEY'RE GOING TO PUT LIMITATIONS ON THE  
2   HILL STREET EXITING AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSIONS  
3   RELATIVE TO REMOVING THE MEDIAN SO THAT WE COULD DO LEFT TURNS  
4   ON HILL, BUT THE CITY HAD OBJECTED TO THAT, AND I'D ASKED THE  
5   C.E.O. AND THE SHERIFF IF THEY HAD BEEN CONSULTED AND THE  
6   SHERIFF HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED. THEY WERE TOLD AND THEIR  
7   UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THEY COULD REMOVE THE MEDIAN TO  
8   ACCELERATE THE LEFT TURN, AND, I JUST-- WE NEED TO BE  
9   SENSITIVE THAT THE ABILITY OF PEOPLE EXITING FROM THIS ONE  
10   LOCATION ALLOWS YOU TO TURN LEFT AND THAT MEANS CHANGING THE  
11   MEDIAN, IF YOU CAN DO THAT, AND ALSO THAT WE NEED TO ENSURE  
12   THAT WE HAVE TRAFFIC OFFICERS EITHER FROM THE CITY OR THE  
13   COUNTY, THEY'RE OUT THERE BECAUSE ONE OF THE ISSUES RAISED  
14   WAS, WELL, YOU HAVE PEDESTRIANS ISSUE. WELL, THAT'S TRUE, WE  
15   HAVE A PEDESTRIAN ISSUE, BUT WE ALSO HAVE THE ABILITY TO  
16   PROTECT THE PEDESTRIANS FROM THOSE EXITING CARS, SO WHAT IS--

17

18   **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, WE DO PLAN TO HAVE TRAFFIC OFFICERS  
19   DEPLOYED AT THE INTERSECTION OF FIRST AND HILL, AND I WANT TO  
20   REMIND YOU THAT THE RIGHT TURN ONTO FIRST WILL ONLY BE  
21   RESTRICTED DURING CERTAIN HOURS OF THE DAY. I THINK IT'S JUST  
22   ONE HOUR FROM 4:30 TO 5:30 IN THE EVENING.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW, BUT 4:30 TO 5:30 IS WHEN THE  
25   BUILDING--



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2 **SPEAKER:** IT'S THE PEAK HOURS.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S THE PEAK HOURS, SO IT'S NOT LIKE  
5 DURING THE NON PEAK HOURS. THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** MOST OF THE PURPOSE, AS FAR AS L.A.P.D. HAS BEEN ABLE  
8 TO ARTICULATE TO US, WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM FOR ABOUT  
9 SIX MONTHS AND THEY HAVE THE JURISDICTION FOR \_\_\_\_\_ IN THIS  
10 AREA.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAYBE THE WORST OPERATING AGENCY. I MEAN IT'S  
13 AN OXYMORON FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THEY CAN'T EVEN PUT  
14 IN LEFT TURN ARROWS, RIGHT TURN ARROWS DOWNTOWN. THEY FAILED  
15 TO PROVIDE THE ABILITY FOR PEOPLE TO EXIT ON GRAND UNTIL WE  
16 WERE ABLE TO PUT OUR COUNTY'S LEASE TO ALLOW THE PEOPLE TO  
17 EXIT BECAUSE OUR MEMBERS WERE BEING ASPHYXIATED BY CARBON  
18 MONOXIDE TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE DARN TUNNEL AT 5 O'CLOCK.  
19 AND SINCE WE'VE HAD OFFICERS OUT THERE, IT'S EASIER TO GET  
20 OUT, BUT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THAT SAME PROBLEM ON HILL STREET,  
21 AND IT'S GOING TO BE WORSE.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** SO THE ASPHYXIATION IS ONE PROBLEM WE WERE TRYING TO  
24 AVOID. D.O.T. BELIEVED THAT ALLOWING PEOPLE TO TURN RIGHT ON  
25 FIRST DURING THAT PEAK HOUR, AND ALSO IF WE HAD REMOVED THE



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1 MEDIAN AND ALLOWED THE LEFT TURN OUT ON HILL, THAT THAT WOULD  
2 HAVE BACKED UP THE TRAFFIC INTO OUR GARAGE, AND SO WE HAVE  
3 WHAT WE THINK IS THE BEST PLAN WORKABLE RIGHT NOW. WE'RE GOING  
4 TO TRY IT AND ADJUST IF NECESSARY. WE WILL HAVE TRAFFIC  
5 OFFICERS DEPLOYED AND WE'RE GOING TO ALLOW PEOPLE  
6 PRELIMINARILY, EVEN IN ADVANCE OF THE CONSTRUCTION BEGINNING  
7 TO EXIT FROM OUR GARAGE OUT OF THE MUSIC CENTER EMPLOYEE  
8 ENTRANCE ONTO GRANT TO PARTIALLY MITIGATE THAT PROBLEM AS  
9 WELL.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY CONCERN IS THE SHERIFF, COUNTY POLICE WERE  
12 NOT CONSULTED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITY OF LOS  
13 ANGELES AND THEY ARE THE ONES WHO ARE TRAINED IN SAFETY VERSUS  
14 THE C.E.O..

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S A GOOD POINT. WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN GET THEM  
17 INVOLVED.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM ENGAGED SO THAT  
20 WHAT WE APPROVE IS GOING TO HAVE THEIR CONCURRENCE, AND IF IT  
21 MEANS MOVING THE MEDIAN, THEN WE HAVE TO DO THAT, BUT WE HAVE  
22 TO BE THINKING OF OUR EMPLOYEES AND THEIR ABILITY TO GET OUT  
23 SAFELY.

24



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1   **SPEAKER:** I APPRECIATE THAT. WE'LL DO THAT. WE'LL ENGAGE THE  
2   SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RIGHT AWAY.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHEN WILL THIS CLOSURE BEGIN?

5

6   **SPEAKER:** THE CLOSURE IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN A WEEK FROM MONDAY  
7   ON JULY 12TH.

8

9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW ARE YOU GOING TO BE MEETING TO MAKE  
10   ANY ADDITIONAL CHANGES BETWEEN NOW AND JULY 12TH, WHICH IS,  
11   WHAT, TWO WEEKS AWAY?

12

13   **SPEAKER:** WE'LL TALK TO THEM RIGHT AWAY, AND IF WE BELIEVE  
14   THERE IS SOMETHING ADDITIONALLY WE COULD DO AND WE COULD GET  
15   D.O.T.'S CONCURRENCE, THEN WE WILL WORK ON THAT.

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE YOU CONSIDERED TRYING A ONE-WEEK DRY RUN  
18   TO SEE HOW IT WOULD OPERATE IF IT WAS GOING TO GO IN ALL YEAR?

19

20   **SPEAKER:** WE DID, AND WE THOUGHT THAT THAT MIGHT CREATE MORE  
21   CONFUSION THAN JUST PROCEEDING WITH THE PLAN, SO WHAT WE HAVE  
22   DONE IS TO DO A PARTIAL DRY RUN BY ALLOWING EMPLOYEES TO BEGIN  
23   EXITING STARTING ON THURSDAY FROM THE MUSIC CENTER AND ALSO WE  
24   HAVE BEEN NOTICING THIS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, WE'VE HAD MANY  
25   MEETINGS AND PUT UP ALL SORTS OF SIGNS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT



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1 IT'S GOING TO BE A DISRUPTION FOR THE PEOPLE WHO PARK IN THIS  
2 BUILDING AND WE'VE TRIED TO MITIGATE THAT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.  
3 WHILE IT IS BEING DEPLOYED, WE'LL KEEP AN EYE ON IT AND SEE IF  
4 THERE ARE ANY ADDITIONAL MITIGATION MEASURES WE CAN TAKE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROBLEM I'M HAVING IS YOU HAVEN'T ENGAGED  
7 THE EXPERTS IN TRYING TO EXIT THESE FACILITIES FROM THOSE WHO  
8 ARE TRAINED INTO SAFETY AND TRAFFIC AND THAT'S THE SHERIFF'S  
9 DEPARTMENT, SO YOU HAVE A GROUP OF PEOPLE ON A-- WE THINK IT  
10 WILL WORK, WE HOPE IT WILL WORK, THEY'RE GOING TO DO THIS OR  
11 THAT, AND THEY'RE REALLY NOT THE EXPERTS.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WE'LL ENGAGE THEM TODAY, AND IF THEY RECOMMEND ANY  
14 ADDITIONAL MEASURES, WE WILL GET BACK TO YOU RIGHT AWAY.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE YOU CONSIDERED STAGGERING WORK HOURS FOR  
17 COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO AVOID CONGESTION?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** WE'RE LEAVING THAT UP TO EACH DEPARTMENT IN THE  
20 BUILDING. WE EXPECT THAT THAT MAY HAPPEN NATURALLY SOMEWHAT  
21 SINCE EVERYBODY KNOWS THERE'S GOING TO BE THAT PEAK HOUR, IT'S  
22 GOING TO BE A LITTLE BIT MORE DIFFICULT TO GET OUT.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALONG WITH AN OFFICER BEING ASSIGNED ON FIRST  
2   AND HILL, ARE YOU LOOKING AT HAVING AN OFFICER AT THE EXIT ON  
3   HILL STREET?

4

5   **SPEAKER:** WE CAN LOOK INTO THAT. I'M NOT SURE.

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MEAN, THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO NEED--  
8   YOU KNOW, THIS IS REALLY-- YOU REMIND ME OF A GROUP OF  
9   ENGINEERS WHO DESIGNED THE BEST DESIGNED AUTOMOBILE IN  
10   AMERICAN HISTORY AND IT WAS GOING TO REALLY SURPASS ALL  
11   ENGINEERING SKILLS AND THAT WAS THE EDELS, AND THIS SOUNDS  
12   LIKE AN EDELS. SOMEHOW YOU SHOULD HAVE A DRY RUN. SOMEHOW YOU  
13   SHOULD BE CONSULTING THE TRAFFIC EXPERTS, SAFETY EXPERTS, AND  
14   DURING OUR PEAK HOURS, WITH ALL OF THOSE EMPLOYEES GOING OUT,  
15   IT'S CRAZY.

16

17   **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH EXPERTS, AND I  
18   KNOW WE'RE NOT ACKNOWLEDGING L.A.D.O.T. AS EXPERTS. I THINK  
19   MANY OTHER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THOSE CONVERSATIONS.  
20   WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR SIX MONTHS, WE KNOW THAT IT IS  
21   GOING TO CAUSE SOME INCONVENIENCE, BUT WE FEEL THAT WE'VE PUT  
22   IN APPROPRIATE MITIGATION MEASURES. WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE  
23   INCONVENIENCE. THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME INEVITABLE  
24   INCONVENIENCE WHEN YOU CLOSE ONE OF THE TWO EXITS OUT OF A



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1 PARKING STRUCTURE, AND WE WILL KEEP AN EYE ON IT AND REPORT  
2 BACK TO YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, BUT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING SIX MONTHS  
5 WITHOUT CONSULTING THE TRAFFIC SAFETY PEOPLE. YOU'VE BEEN  
6 WORKING SIX MONTHS WITHIN YOUR OWN DEPARTMENT AND IT'S-- IT  
7 LOOKS LIKE AN EDSSEL.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ONE OF THE MOST  
10 EXCITING THINGS IS GOING TO BE HAPPENING HERE IN OUR OWN  
11 COMMUNITY AND OUR OWN LITTLE CIVIC DOWNTOWN, IS THE BEGINNING  
12 OF OUR OWN CIVIC PARK, CREATING AN UNBELIEVABLE GREEN SPACE.  
13 AND LIKE ANY KIND OF IMPROVEMENT THAT YOU MAKE IN ANY  
14 NEIGHBORHOOD, IN ANY COMMUNITY, THERE'S AN INCONVENIENCE  
15 BEFORE YOU BEGIN. I HAVE BEEN TRAVELING ON WHAT THE ROYAL SECO  
16 PARKWAY OR WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO NAME IT THE HISTORIC ROYAL  
17 SECO THAT HAS BEEN UNDER RENOVATION OR RECONSTRUCTION FOR THE  
18 LAST YEAR, AND SO ON-RAMPS ARE CLOSED OCCASIONALLY, AND SO ON,  
19 AND SO WE HAVE TO JUST CHANGE OUR TRAFFIC PATTERN, BUT I'VE  
20 BEEN SO IMPRESSED WITH THE WORK THAT THEY'VE BEEN DOING. I  
21 THINK THAT IS TRUE ACROSS THE BOARD. THIS IS GOING TO CREATE A  
22 SLIGHT INCONVENIENCE FOR SOME OF OUR EMPLOYEES, BUT WE'VE  
23 ACCOMMODATED ALL OF THOSE ISSUES. WE DID WORK WITH EXPERTS. IT  
24 IS GOING TO BE AN INCONVENIENT FOR THAT PERSON THAT WAS VERY  
25 ACCUSTOMED TO GOING IN ONE DIRECTION. THEY'RE JUST GOING TO



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1 CHANGE THEIR PATTERN. BUT WE ARE ON HILL, THEY'LL BE MAKING  
2 THEIR RIGHT TURNS AND THE SAME THING COMING OUT OF HERE -- OUT  
3 OF THE GRAND AVENUE EXIT AS WELL, BUT WE THINK THAT IF  
4 EVERYTHING IS GONE AS PLANNED, OUR PARK IS GOING TO GET  
5 STARTED, IT HAS THE \$50 MILLION THAT WE RECEIVE FROM THE GRAND  
6 AVENUE PROJECT. WE ARE RECEIVING ADDITIONAL \$5 MILLION IN  
7 INTEREST FOR THOSE DOLLARS. THE PROJECT IS GOING TO BE  
8 EXCITING, IT'S GOING TO RENOVATE THE ENTIRE AREA, AND SO IT  
9 WILL BE A LITTLE BIT OF INCONVENIENCE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME,  
10 BUT WE HOPE THAT ALL THE EMPLOYEES WILL BE APPRECIATIVE AND  
11 UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE IN THE LONG RUN AT THE END OF IT, WE'RE  
12 GOING TO HAVE AN OUTSTANDING CIVIC PARK HERE IN OUR OWN  
13 NEIGHBORHOOD AND OUR OWN COMMUNITY, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO  
14 MAKING IT AS HOPEFULLY NOT ANY KIND OF BURDEN ON EMPLOYEES BUT  
15 WE'LL MONITOR IT ALONG THE WAY. WE'RE VERY EXCITED THAT WE'RE  
16 GOING TO BE ABLE TO KICK THIS OFF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT'S  
17 SOMETHING THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY CONCERN IS NOT THE PARK, IT'S JUST IF THEY  
20 CAN ADJUST SOME OF THE TIMES SO THAT PEAK HOURS--

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, THAT'S GOING TO BE LEFT UP TO THE  
23 EMPLOYERS HERE, THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, AS TO HOW THEY DETERMINE  
24 THAT FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WITH TWO WEEKS AWAY--

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3    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO. THEY HAVE KNOWN FOR A LONG PERIOD OF  
4    TIME. THIS HAS BEEN IN THE PLANS FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.  
5    THIS DIDN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT.

6

7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. BUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT MOVING THAT  
8    MEDIAN SO YOU CAN TURN LEFT--

9

10   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO. THE MEDIAN WAS NEVER PART OF THE-- I  
11   MEAN, YOU MAY HAVE MADE THAT REQUEST. I WAS DISTRESSED SIX  
12   YEARS AGO WHEN MAYOR RIORDAN PUT IN THE MEDIAN BECAUSE I KNEW  
13   THE WORK THAT WE WERE DOING HERE, BUT THE REALITY IS THAT THAT  
14   MEDIAN IS NOT GOING TO BE MOVED.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IT COULD BE MOVED.

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18   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT IT IS NOT GOING TO BE.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE CITY COULD.

21

22   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN, BUT THIS ONE IS NOT  
23   GOING TO.

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN YOU HAVE PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES  
2   EXITING HERE.

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4   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES HAVE NO PROBLEM,  
5   THEY DRIVE RIGHT UP ONTO THAT THING ALL DAY LONG. THEY'RE NOT  
6   SUPPOSED TO BE THERE BUT THEY ARE.

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE POLICE STATION IS HOUSED IN THIS  
9   BUILDING, THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, AND THEN YOU HAVE THE  
10   JUDGES THAT ARE HOUSED IN THIS BUILDING.

11

12   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MICHAEL, THERE WILL BE A LITTLE  
13   INCONVENIENCE, BUT IN THE LONG RUN, WE'LL HAVE A BEAUTIFUL  
14   PARK.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAJOR, MAJOR INCONVENIENCE. IT'S AN EDESEL.  
17   NOT THE PARK, BUT THE TRAFFIC PATTERN.

18

19   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SORRY ABOUT THE INCONVENIENCE.

20

21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF I CAN JUST ADD, WHAT MISS CULP SAID A  
22   MINUTE AGO IS THE KEY, IS ONCE IT GETS GOING, MONITOR IT  
23   CLOSELY AND SEE WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO FIX WHATEVER  
24   UNANTICIPATED PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN. JUST CAN'T ANTICIPATE  
25   EVERYTHING, AND BUT YOU'VE GOT TO BE ON TOP OF IT THE MINUTE



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1 IT STARTS SO THAT YOU CAN TWEAK IT, AND IF YOU NEED HELP WITH  
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THERE'S SOME OF US WHO COULD  
3 HELP YOU THERE. THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE GOOD FOR THEM IF IT'S  
4 A TOTAL SCREW-UP EITHER, SO I THINK WE'RE UNDERGOING A PROJECT  
5 NOW IN WEST LOS ANGELES WHICH MAKES THIS LOOK LIKE A WALK IN  
6 THE PARK. THAT'S THE 405 PROJECT, WHERE THE BRIDGE ACROSS THE  
7 405 ON SUNSET IS HALF CLOSED. IT'S BEING TORN DOWN, AND  
8 EVERYBODY WAS PANIC STRICKEN ABOUT IT AND ALL THE AGENCIES DID  
9 EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO ANTICIPATE, MADE SOME TWEAKS AFTER IT  
10 STARTED, AND NOW IT'S A NON-EVENT, WHICH IS JUST THE WAY WE  
11 WANT IT, SO I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP AN EYE ON,  
12 IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO MAKE IT A NON-EVENT AS IT GOES ON.  
13 IT'S A WORK IN PROGRESS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US.  
16 MOVED BY MYSELF. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IS THERE  
17 ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 29.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 29. ALL RIGHT. YES, MR. SACHS, YOU'RE  
22 COMING RIGHT UP. YOU'RE THE ONE THAT HELD THIS ITEM. AND WHILE  
23 YOU'RE HERE, ALSO ADDRESS THE ISSUES ON 1-D, 1-P, 8, 41, 42,  
24 AND 50.

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING. I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU MISSED  
2   ME AS MUCH AS I MISSED YOU. APPLES, ORANGES AND WATERMELONS,  
3   BY THE WAY. THIS IS ITEM 29, AND IT RELATES TO A PROJECT IN  
4   PASADENA, THE LAKES, AND I WAS JUST WONDERING, M.T.A. IS  
5   CONTRIBUTING OVER \$600,000, THE COUNTY'S GOING TO CONTRIBUTE  
6   \$160,000 AND PASADENA, THE CITY OF PASADENA, APPROXIMATELY  
7   \$230,000. SO I WAS WONDERING WHO ACTUALLY HAS OVERSIGHT OVER  
8   THE PROJECT? WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE IN CASE THERE'S ANY COST  
9   OVERRUNS, AND THE AUTHORITY, WHO BASICALLY TIES IT IN, BECAUSE  
10   WE JUST KIND OF HEARD ABOUT L.A.D.O.T. AND HOW DYSFUNCTIONAL  
11   THAT IS, NOT THAT M.T.A. HAS READ A PRIMER ON THAT BOOK, BUT  
12   THAT IS MY QUESTION, WHO WOULD HAVE THE OVERSIGHT? WHO'S IN  
13   CHARGE OF IT?

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PUBLIC WORKS.

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17   **ARNOLD SACHS:** PUBLIC WORKS. SO IT'S A COUNTY PROJECT, EVEN  
18   THOUGH M.T.A. IS CONTRIBUTING 600,000. THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM IS  
19   1-D, AND I HELD 1-D FOR TWO REASONS. A, THE CHANGE ORDERS NOT  
20   TO EXCEED \$274,000, AND BECAUSE I COMPARED THAT TO ITEMS 1-H,  
21   2-H, 3-H, AND 4-H, AND THEY ALSO HAVE CHANGE ORDER CAVEATS. 1-  
22   H IS NOT TO EXCEED 75,000, 2-H NOT TO EXCEED 56,000, 3-H NOT  
23   TO EXCEED 36,000 AND 4-H IS NOT TO EXCEED 41,000, SO I WAS  
24   JUST WONDERING HOW THE BENCHMARKS FOR THESE CHANGE ORDERS, AND  
25   CONSIDERING THIS IS THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LENNOX WHERE I





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1 DON'T WANT TO SAY IS UNDERREPRESENTED, BUT MAYBE NOT BE AS  
2 POLITICALLY EDUCATED AS THE OTHER AREAS. HOW ARE THESE  
3 BENCHMARKS CONSIDERED? I DO RECALL THAT MANHATTAN BEACH, WHEN  
4 THEY HAD A BOND ISSUE, THE CHANGE ORDERS ATE UP \$15 MILLION,  
5 AND THAT TRANSLATED INTO ANOTHER BUILDING THAT WASN'T BUILT.  
6 SO BASICALLY THAT WAS MY QUESTION, HOW THE BENCHMARK FOR THESE  
7 PROJECTS IS CONSIDERED REGARDING THE CHANGE ORDERS. 1-P. THERE  
8 WAS A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO REGARDING THE  
9 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AND THE AMOUNT  
10 OF MONEY AVAILABLE THERE. THIS IS EXCESS FUNDS, SO I WAS  
11 WONDERING, JUST THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE EXCESS FUNDS AND  
12 THE DISCRETIONARY FUNDS. THIS TOTALS OUT TO ABOUT \$12 MILLION  
13 PER DISTRICT IN EXCESS FUNDS, WHICH IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED, I  
14 GUESS, WITH DISCRETIONARY FUNDS. SO BETWEEN THE TWO, I WAS  
15 WONDERING WHAT THE TOTAL PER DISTRICT WOULD BE FOR EACH  
16 SUPERVISOR. I'M SORRY, MADAME CHAIR, WHAT OTHER ITEMS?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW. DID YOU DO 41, 42 OR 50 YET?

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 41, NO. THE BUS BENCHES. 41 RELATES TO BUS  
21 BENCHES. AND THE FACT THAT THIS ADVERTISER IS CHARGED WITH  
22 OVERSEEING THE CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR INCORPORATED, MAINTENANCE  
23 OF THESE ADVERTISED BUS SHELTERS. SO WHO GETS THE MONEY ON  
24 THAT? IF YOU'RE AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING, WHO WOULD GETS THE  
25 MONEY? THIS WOULD GO BACK TO THE COUNTY OR GO TO THE M.T.A?



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1 THAT'S POINT NUMBER ONE. POINT NUMBER TWO, WITH THE M.T.A.  
2 MAKING SERVICE CHANGES, WHEN SERVICE IS REMOVED AND A BUS  
3 BENCH IS AT A STOP THAT'S NO LONGER IN USE, WHO MOVES THE BUS  
4 BENCH AND WHO BRINGS BUS BENCHES TO SERVICE AREAS THAT ARE  
5 OVERUSED? THAT WOULD BE THAT ONE. ITEM 42 REFERS TO A CONTRACT  
6 AUTHORIZATION BETWEEN THE M.T.A. INTELLIGENT TRANSIT SYSTEM  
7 AND BERKELEY'S PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. SO I WAS  
8 WONDERING, IN AN INTELLIGENT TRANSIT SYSTEM, WOULDN'T  
9 PERFORMANCE BE PART OF THAT TRANSIT SYSTEM AND CONVERSELY, IN  
10 A PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, WOULDN'T YOU WANT ONE THAT'S  
11 INTELLIGENT? SO WHY WOULD YOU NEED TO HAVE TWO DIFFERENT  
12 SYSTEMS AND WORK THEM TOGETHER? AND THEN ITEM NUMBER 50, THIS  
13 IS A LANDSCAPING BID, AND JUST A QUESTION REGARDING SINCE YOU  
14 ARE SO PRONE TO SUB OUT MAINTENANCE FOR THESE LANDSCAPING  
15 BIDS, WHY DON'T YOU INCLUDE THE COST OF MAINTENANCE IN THE BID  
16 FOR THE LANDSCAPING SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO SUB IT OUT. THANK YOU  
17 FOR YOUR TIME, ANSWERS--

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AND ATTENTION.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE ITEMS, 1-D, 1-P, 8, 29, 41, 42  
24 AND 50, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF  
25 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON THOSE ITEMS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 2.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A LOT OF SPEAKERS ON A NUMBER OF  
5 ITEMS. I THINK 2, 5 AND 6 ARE ALL OF THE PROBATION ITEMS. DO  
6 YOU MIND IF WE TAKE THEM ALL TOGETHER? DO YOU WANT TO LISTEN  
7 TO THE SPEAKERS FIRST? OR DID YOU WANT TO--

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE CAN DO THEM ALL AT THE SAME TIME.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY?

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO THEM ALL AT THE SAME TIME.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES. DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING FIRST?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, ON ITEM 2, THERE'S BEEN-- WITH THE  
18 AUDIT AND ALL OF THE REPORTS COMING OUT ON THE PROBATION  
19 DEPARTMENT, WE JUST HEARD FROM OUR DIRECTOR RELATIVE TO WHAT  
20 IS GOING ON, I REALLY BELIEVE THERE OUGHT TO BE-- THE PREVIOUS  
21 TWO DIRECTORS OF PROBATION OUGHT TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN  
22 EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION OR PUBLIC SESSION TO EXPLAIN HOW SOME  
23 OF THESE INSTANCES OCCURRED WHERE PEOPLE WHO WERE CONVICTED OF  
24 SERIOUS CRIMES WERE EXCUSED OR THOSE CRIMES WERE IGNORED AND  
25 THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE ANY TYPE OF ACTION BROUGHT



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1 AGAINST THEM. AND WE'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THE STATUTE OF  
2 LIMITATIONS HAS RUN OUT ON SOME, BUT AGAIN, UNDER CIVIL  
3 PROCEEDINGS, YOU DON'T HAVE A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. I REALLY  
4 BELIEVE WE NEED TO GET A HANDLE ON THIS. THE NEW DIRECTOR IS  
5 FOLLOWING UP ON THE AUDIT AND THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN  
6 RAISED IS RELATIVE TO GHOST EMPLOYEES AND OTHERS AND WHAT THE  
7 MOTION IS CALLING FOR A DISCIPLINE AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR  
8 THOSE INDIVIDUALS SO WE KNOW WHO HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE IN  
9 MANAGEMENT OR WHEREVER THAT ALLOWED THESE TYPES OF ISSUES TO  
10 FESTER TO THE POINT THAT THIS ABUSE OCCURRED. SO THAT'S WHAT  
11 MY ITEM THAT WAS CO-AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE WAS CALLING  
12 FOR, THAT INVESTIGATION, DISCIPLINE AND ACCOUNTABILITY. WE  
13 NEED A COMPREHENSIVE, YOU KNOW, REVIEW. THE DEPARTMENT,  
14 CONCERNED ABOUT THE ALLEGED ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF  
15 MINORS, RECIDIVISM, ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTHCARE, INTERETHNIC  
16 CONFLICT, ILLEGAL ACTIONS BY STAFF AND THE ABSENTEEISM OF  
17 TEACHERS, AND AGAIN, WE HAVE SOME SEVERE CRITICISMS OF SOME OF  
18 THE EDUCATORS WHO ARE IN THE CAMPS WHO ARE NOT EDUCATING AND  
19 ARE PART OF THE PROBLEM AND WE HAVE SOME FINE EDUCATORS IN THE  
20 CAMP WHO ARE DOING A SUPERB JOB IN TRYING TO MOTIVATE AND HELP  
21 THESE KIDS, BUT WHEN THE D.O.J. CAME INTO OUR HALLS AND NOW  
22 INTO OUR CAMPS, THEY SIMPLY IDENTIFY THE PROBLEMS AND WE HAVE  
23 TO IDENTIFY THE SOLUTIONS BY WAY OF AN ACTION PLAN, AND HERE  
24 WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE PROBLEMS AND CHIEF BLEVINS IS  
25 DEVELOPING THAT ACTION PLAN. BUT THIS PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE ON



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1 ITEM 2 IS A VERY IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO  
2 ACHIEVE IN FINDING OUT WHAT WENT WRONG AND HOLDING THOSE  
3 RESPONSIBLE WHO MADE IT GO WRONG, AND ALSO I'D LIKE TO HAVE  
4 OUR FORMER C.E.O., C.A.O. COME IN, WHO WAS OVERSEEING A LOT OF  
5 THIS, AND FIND OUT WHY THIS OCCURRED.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A GROUP OF SPEAKERS  
8 THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS. COULD WE HAVE ANDREA GORDON  
9 JOIN US, WENDY RAMALLO, ESTHER LOFTON AND RANDY BRISSETTE.  
10 MISS GORDON, DO YOU WANT TO BEGIN?

11

12 **ANDREA GORDON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS ANDREA GORDON  
13 AND I'M PRESIDENT OF THE PROFESSIONAL MANAGERS ASSOCIATION.  
14 THAT IS THE UNION LOCAL THAT REPRESENTS THE PROBATION  
15 DIRECTORS IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I JUST WANTED TO SAY  
16 THAT WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT FINALLY SOME OF THESE ISSUES  
17 THAT WE'VE BEEN BRINGING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT  
18 AND OTHERS FOR YEARS ARE FINALLY BEING ADDRESSED. SOME OF  
19 THESE CONCERNS AND THESE ISSUES ARE WHAT PROMPTED THE LINE  
20 LEVEL MANAGERS IN THE DEPARTMENT TO FORM A BARGAINING UNIT.  
21 WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE CONCERNS, THE ISSUES, THE PROBLEMS AND  
22 HAVE BEEN BRINGING THEM FORWARD AND SAW NOTHING HAPPENED FOR  
23 YEARS. IT WAS VERY FRUSTRATING FOR THE MANY, MANY PEOPLE IN  
24 THIS DEPARTMENT WHO WORKED SO VERY HARD TO ALWAYS TRY TO DO  
25 THE RIGHT THING. WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE LEADERSHIP IN



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1 OUR DEPARTMENT IS NOW WILLING TO WORK JOINTLY WITH US AS I'M  
2 TOLD IN A JOINT MANAGEMENT LABOR COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO  
3 ADDRESS THE WORK THAT WE'VE ALREADY STARTED, AND I'M HOPING  
4 THAT THE COUNTY AND THE SUPERVISORS HERE WILL CONTINUE THAT  
5 PROCESS AS WELL. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WENDY?

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9 **WENDY RAMALLO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS WENDY RAMALLO. I HELD  
10 BOTH ITEMS 5 AND 8 AND I HAVE SEPARATE STATEMENTS FOR EACH  
11 ITEM. I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY'RE RELATED IN THE PROBLEMS, THAT  
12 ARE BEING ADDRESSED ARE RELATED. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT  
13 THOSE TWO ITEMS BEFORE YOU, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ADD AT THE  
14 OUTSET AND SPECIFICALLY, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THAT I ALSO  
15 SUPPORT YOUR CALL TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COME BACK  
16 IN IN A MORE COMPREHENSIVE MANNER TO ASSIST THIS COUNTY IN  
17 ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS THAT EXIST IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
18 PROBATION. FIVE YEARS AGO, I SERVED AS THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
19 TO THE CHIEF DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER. WHAT I WITNESSED IN SIX  
20 MONTHS THAT I SERVED WAS COMPLETE MANAGERIAL DYSFUNCTION,  
21 INCOMPETENCE, SYSTEMATIC CHAOS THAT RESULTED IN CONTINUOUS  
22 HARM TO OUR CHILDREN, THAT EVEN INCLUDED DEATH. I WALKED AWAY  
23 FROM THAT JOB HAVING BEEN REPEATEDLY MALIGNED, MARGINALIZED,  
24 HARASSED AND EVEN THREATENED BY THOSE WHO THOUGHT IT WAS THEIR  
25 JOB TO COLLECT A PAYCHECK, DEFEND THE STATUS QUO, AND THEIR



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1 OWN TURF. I WAS CONVINCED THERE WAS NO WILL IN THIS COUNTY TO  
2 ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS THAT EXISTED IN THAT DEPARTMENT. I WAS  
3 ONE SENIOR EXEMPT MANAGER IN A CADRE OF BIG, BAD BUREAUCRATS,  
4 AND IT'S CLEAR WHO HAS WON. I REMAINED LARGELY SILENT FOR FIVE  
5 YEARS BECAUSE I CONTINUED TO SEE NO WILL TO ADDRESS THE  
6 FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE TO IMPROVE THAT  
7 DEPARTMENT. THIS COUNTY COULDN'T EVEN AGREE ON HIRING THE MOST  
8 RESPECTED AND PREEMINENT JUVENILE JUSTICE EXPERT IN THE  
9 NATION, SHAY BELICHICK, TO REFORM A BROKEN SYSTEM, AND I MADE  
10 THAT RECOMMENDATION TO THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER BACK IN  
11 2005. TODAY, I HOPE AND PRAY THAT THINGS ARE DIFFERENT. I  
12 DON'T KNOW THE NEW CHIEF OR HIS NEW DEPUTY. WE'VE NEVER  
13 SPOKEN. BUT I DO KNOW THAT YOU'VE HIRED HIM TO RUN AND TO FIX  
14 THIS DEPARTMENT, AND WITH THAT MASSIVE RESPONSIBILITY, HE MUST  
15 BE GIVEN COMPLETE AUTHORITY TO HIRE HIS OWN TEAMS. GIVE HIM  
16 THAT AUTHORITY TO HIRE THESE MANAGERS AND THEN HOLD THEM  
17 ACCOUNTABLE FOR ACHIEVING RESULTS. YOU MAY FEEL THAT YOU KNOW  
18 WHAT HE IS UP AGAINST, BUT I WANT YOU TO HEAR IT FROM SOMEONE  
19 WHO WAS ACTUALLY THERE. THE THINGS THAT I WITNESSED AS A  
20 MEMBER OF THAT EXECUTIVE TEAM, I'VE NEVER SEEN SOMETHING SO  
21 STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT IN MY LIFE, LITTERED WITH HIGH RANKING  
22 INDIVIDUALS WHO BRAZENLY DEFY THE LAW, ANY SEMBLANCE OF THEIR  
23 JOB DESCRIPTIONS, AND WERE PAID LARGE SALARIES TO PERFORM IT.  
24 I REVIEWED HUNDREDS OF CASE FILES, MET WITH FRONT LINE WORKERS  
25 IN CAMPS AND HALLS AND RECOMMENDED CORRECTIVE ACTION AFTER





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1 ACTION THAT WENT NOWHERE UNLESS IT MAY HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED  
2 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THAT THOSE WERE ACTIONS ACTUALLY  
3 BEING TAKEN. AND IN SOME, THE DEPARTMENT HAS A SYSTEMATIC  
4 PATTERN AND PRACTICE OF NOT HAVING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN  
5 WRITING. IT WAS COMPLETE ANARCHY AND THE HARD-WORKING STAFF  
6 THAT YOU HAVE, FIELD OFFICERS, PROBATION OFFICERS, MIDDLE  
7 MANAGERS TRYING TO DO THEIR JOB WERE JUST UNDER THE THROAT OF  
8 BAD INDIVIDUALS. THERE WAS NO ACCOUNTABILITY FROM TOP TO  
9 BOTTOM.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE SUMMARIZE. YOUR TIME IS UP.

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13 **ANDREA GORDON:** FOR ITEM NUMBER FIVE, PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR  
14 NEW DIRECTOR IN THERE ALONE. HE'LL GET NOTHING DONE. I URGE  
15 YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO BRING HIS OWN TEAM.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MISS LOFTON.

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19 **ESTHER LOFTON:** MY NAME IS ESTHER LOFTON, I LIVE AT 1327 SOUTH  
20 VAN NESS AVENUE IN LOS ANGELES I WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY, MS.  
21 MOLINA, TODAY, BUT I WROTE MY SUPERVISOR AND TOLD HIM OF A  
22 VERY OXYMORONIC SITUATION THAT HAPPENED WITH AGENTS AND  
23 OFFICIALS OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND, AS USUAL, I GOT NO  
24 RESPONSE, SO I'M GOING TO TELL YOU ABOUT THAT OXYMORONIC  
25 SITUATION THAT WILL ENDORSE MUCH OF WHAT THIS LADY NEXT TO ME



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1 SAID BEFORE I HAD EIGHT CHILDREN, BUT SIX OF THEM WERE UNDER  
2 THE CONTROL AND CUSTODY OF PROBATION OFFICERS. LET ME GIVE YOU  
3 THEIR AGES. ONE WAS FOUR MONTHS, ONE WAS FIVE YEARS, ONE WAS  
4 FOUR YEARS, AND THEN THERE WERE 8, 9, AND 12. NOW, MY  
5 UNDERSTANDING OF PROBATION IS THAT PROBATION IS FOR PEOPLE WHO  
6 HAVE VIOLATED THE LAW AND THEY HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY THE COURT  
7 TO BE UNDER THE SURVEILLANCE OF PROBATION OFFICERS. THE ONLY  
8 VIOLATION I CAN SEE THAT THESE CHILDREN MADE, ESPECIALLY THE  
9 INFANT, IS THAT MAYBE SHE POOPED IN HER PANTS AND MAYBE THAT'S  
10 UNUSUAL FOR BABIES TO POOP IN THEIR PANTS, BUT THAT'S WHAT  
11 HAPPENED. NOW, WHEN I WROTE MY SUPERVISOR, AND IT AFFECTS HIM,  
12 JUST AS MUCH AS IT HAPPENED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, I AM UNDER THE  
13 BELIEF THAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT CAN STILL HAPPEN TODAY. NOW,  
14 MY HUSBAND WAS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED DISABLED COMBAT  
15 INFANTRY VETERAN OF A FOREIGN WAR. HE DIDN'T COME BACK TO THIS  
16 COUNTRY FOR IT TO BE ATTACKED BY THIS GOVERNMENT OR TO HAVE  
17 HIS CHILDREN ATTACKED BY THIS GOVERNMENT, AND I WILL FIGHT IT  
18 AS LONG AS I LIVE, WHETHER I GET THE SUPPORT OF MY SUPERVISOR  
19 OR NOT, BUT I DO EXPECT THE RESPONSE FROM HIM. THAT'S WHY I'M  
20 HERE TODAY. THAT'S THE ONLY REASON.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS LOFTON. COULD WE HAVE  
23 MAUREEN PACHECO JOIN US, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, AND ARNOLD  
24 SACHS. MR. BRISSETTE.

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1   **RANDY BRISSETTE:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME  
2   IS DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER, RANDY BRISSETTE. I'M WITH THE  
3   L.A. COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I'VE BEEN WITH THE PROBATION  
4   DEPARTMENT FOR 25-1/2 YEARS. IN THOSE 25-1/2 YEARS, I'VE BEEN  
5   FIRED TWICE BY THIS DEPARTMENT FOR FALSE ALLEGATIONS, ONE TIME  
6   16 MONTHS, ONE TIME FOR 22 MONTHS. I'VE BEEN SUSPENDED TWICE,  
7   ONCE FOR 3-1/2 DAYS. THAT 3-1/2 DAYS IS STILL UNDER REVIEW.  
8   THE OTHER TIME WAS FOR 15 DAYS, WHICH IS IN YOUR OFFICE OF  
9   INTERNAL REVIEW REPORT ON PAGES 50 AND 51, WHICH IS CALLED THE  
10   CUBICLE CASE. IN THAT, I AM TIRED, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, OF  
11   FIGHTING THIS DEPARTMENT ON FALSE ALLEGATIONS ONE FIGHT AT A  
12   TIME. I AM GOING THROUGH THIS AGAIN NOW FOR A FALSE  
13   ALLEGATION, A STATEMENT THAT A FELLOW CO-WORKER MADE OF  
14   STATING THAT I HAD A DREAM OF KILLING A FELLOW CO-WORKER. I AM  
15   TIRED OF FIGHTING THIS DEPARTMENT BECAUSE OF CLOSED DOOR  
16   DEALINGS BETWEEN THE UNION AND THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE. I  
17   WANT TO THANK THIS BOARD FOR FINALLY RECOGNIZING THE FLAWS OF  
18   THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE AND OUR SUPERIORS WHO WERE  
19   SUPPOSED TO BE WATCHING THIS DEPARTMENT. ONCE AGAIN, ONE TIME  
20   WHEN I WAS A UNION STEWARD, I ASKED OUR BUSINESS AGENT, "WHY  
21   CAN'T THE COUNTY HIRE AN OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION UNIT TO  
22   INVESTIGATE THESE ALLEGATIONS?" THE BUSINESS SECTION SAID,  
23   "WELL, IF WE DID THAT, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WIN OUR CASES  
24   WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD." [LAUGHTER.] OH, OKAY. I WANT TO  
25   TAKE THIS SHORT TIME THAT I HAVE LEFT. I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE



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1 BETWEEN ALL THE ADDICTIONS THAT I HAVE, I'M GOING TO SEE AN  
2 ADDICTION THERAPIST, I'VE BEEN TO MY PSYCHIATRIST AT KAISER,  
3 THE CHIROPRACTOR THAT I SEE BECAUSE MY BODY LOCKS UP BECAUSE  
4 OF THE TIMES THAT I HAVE TO GO BECAUSE OF THE STRESS THAT I'M  
5 UNDER FROM THE THINGS THAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH WITH THIS  
6 DEPARTMENT. I NEED TO BRING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION, TO THANK  
7 YOU FINALLY HAVING THIS DEPARTMENT FINALLY UNDER  
8 INVESTIGATION, THAT WHAT THIS LADY SAID THAT SHE'S BEEN  
9 THROUGH, AND I'M AN INDIVIDUAL, WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH WITH  
10 THIS DEPARTMENT. I HAD TO STOP AT THIS OFFICE-- I HAD TO STOP  
11 AT MICHAEL ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE WHEN I WAS IN THE AREA AND ASK  
12 THE GENTLEMAN IF HE COULD BRING THIS TO MR. ANTONOVICH'S  
13 ATTENTION, BUT HE WAS TOO BUSY PLAYING WITH THE DOG IN THE  
14 OFFICE. IN FINAL, I WANT TO SAY, I LOVE MY WORK WITH THIS  
15 DEPARTMENT, WITH BEING ONE OF THE BIGGEST DEPARTMENTS IN THE  
16 UNITED STATES. I WORK IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. I WORK WITH  
17 SEX OFFENDERS, CHILD ABUSERS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. I HAVE A  
18 95 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE WITH THE PEOPLE I DEAL WITH. I WANT TO  
19 KEEP MY JOB. I ENJOY MY JOB. I DON'T WANT THIS TO STOP. I JUST  
20 WANT THIS DEPARTMENT TO STOP DOING WHAT IT'S DOING TO PEOPLE  
21 WHO ARE INNOCENT AND HOLD THOSE ACCOUNTABLE THAT ARE GUILTY.  
22 THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS PACHECO.

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1   **MAUREEN PACHECO:** THANK YOU. I COULD NOT SAY IT ANY BETTER THAN  
2   REVEREND WAGAR IN HER INVOCATION THIS MORNING. ALL OF OUR  
3   CHILDREN, EVEN THE TROUBLED ONES, THE ONES THAT COME INTO  
4   CONTACT WITH PROBATION, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE IN  
5   JUVENILE HALL, TAKEN AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES, PLACED IN GROUP  
6   HOMES OR IN CAMPS UNDER PROBATION SUPERVISION, DESERVE THOSE  
7   SAME BASIC GUARANTEES: TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT,  
8   TO BE EDUCATED, TO BE TREATED FOR THEIR ILLNESSES, MENTAL,  
9   EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL, AND TO BE SAFE. BUT UNFORTUNATELY,  
10   WE'RE NOT THERE, WE'RE A FAR, FAR DISTANCE FROM THAT. I THINK  
11   IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE BOARD TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN LOOKING AT  
12   PROBATION, I SPEAK SPECIFICALLY ON JUVENILE PROBATIONS, THE  
13   DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ADULTS AND JUVENILES AND WHAT WE'RE TRYING  
14   TO ACCOMPLISH WITH JUVENILES, THEY'RE NOT CONVICTED. THEY'RE  
15   MADE WARDS OF THE COURT, AND UNLIKE ADULTS, THEY'RE NOT GIVEN  
16   A JURY TRIAL. THEY'RE DENIED THAT DUE PROCESS PROTECTION  
17   BECAUSE THE TRADE-OFF IS, WE PROMISED TO PROVIDE THEM  
18   REHABILITATION. I'M NOT HERE TO VILIFY PROBATION. I'VE WORKED  
19   FOR MANY YEARS WITH VERY FINE MEN AND WOMEN IN PROBATION, BUT  
20   I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE JUVENILE DEFENSE COMMUNITY  
21   AND WHAT WE CAN OFFER TO HELP THIS BOARD AND HELP PROBATION  
22   MOVE THE AGENDA OF REFORM. I SPENT 22 YEARS WITH THE LOS  
23   ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE MOST RECENTLY AS A  
24   JUVENILE JUSTICE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY ADVISOR TO MICHAEL  
25   JUDGE. I AM NOW A PROFESSOR AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, WHERE I



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1 TEACH OUR STUDENTS BEST PRACTICES IN REPRESENTING KIDS WHO ARE  
2 CHARGED IN DELINQUENCY COURT. AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE  
3 PICTURE THAT HAS BEEN MISSING IS THE ROLE OF THE JUVENILE  
4 DEFENSE ATTORNEY AND HOW WE CAN HELP. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE  
5 BEEN PRIMARILY SHUT OUT FROM ANY ATTEMPTS TO WORK WITH  
6 PROBATION IN TERMS OF MONITORING THE KIDS IN PROBATION CAMPS  
7 AND PIT KIDS IN JUVENILE HALL. I THINK THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT  
8 POINT IS THAT WE NEED TO OPEN UP THE DOORS AND ALLOW ADVOCATES  
9 TO COME IN AND PLAY THE ROLE THAT THEY CAN PLAY. WE HAVE A  
10 DUTY, JUVENILE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, UNDER THE WHEELS OF COURT,  
11 TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE INTERESTS OF OUR CLIENTS' PAST  
12 DISPOSITION, WHICH IS SENTENCING. THAT DUTY, UNFORTUNATELY,  
13 CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE CURRENT SITUATION WE HAVE IN  
14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE HAVE JUVENILE PUBLIC DEFENDERS WHO ARE  
15 STRUGGLING WITH-- VALIANTLY, BUT STRUGGLING WITH THEIR  
16 CASELOADS. THERE'S NO TIME FOR THEM TO GO TO THE CAMPS TO SEE  
17 WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THEIR KIDS OR TO GO TO THE HALLS, AND WE  
18 HAVE ATTORNEYS WHO ARE PAID A FLAT FEE WHO ARE LITERALLY  
19 ABANDONING THEIR CLIENTS AND THEIR ETHICAL DUTIES TO CONTINUE  
20 TO MONITOR THEIR CLIENTS. I SEE THAT MY TIME IS ALMOST UP AND  
21 I WANT TO OFFER THE-- I MET WITH CHIEF BLEVINS AND I WANT TO  
22 OFFER THE YOUTH ADVOCACY COMMUNITY IN OFFERING TO HELP, I  
23 THINK THERE'S THREE QUICK SUGGESTIONS THAT I CAN MAKE. FIRST  
24 OF ALL, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS NOT THE WHOLE ANSWER.  
25 I'VE BEEN THROUGH THE HALLS AND THE CAMPS WITH THE DEPARTMENT



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1 OF JUSTICE STAFF FOR MANY YEARS NOW. THEY HAVE NOT  
2 ACCOMPLISHED WHAT THEY'VE SET OUT TO ACCOMPLISH FOR MANY  
3 REASONS. THEY WOULD COME AND ALLOW PROBATION TO KNOW THEY WERE  
4 COMING, THEY ALLOWED PROBATION TO CHOOSE WHICH KIDS WOULD BE  
5 SPOKEN TO, WHICH OFTEN ALLOWED PROBATION TO TRANSFER OR HIDE  
6 PROBLEM KIDS. THEY SPOKE WITH KIDS IN NON PRIVATE SETTINGS  
7 WHERE KIDS COULD BE OVERHEARD AND RISKED AND WERE RETALIATED  
8 AGAINST, AND THE D.O.J. LAWYERS WHO CAME CONSTANTLY CHANGED SO  
9 THAT THERE WAS NO CONSISTENCY OR OVERSIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUMMARIZE, PLEASE.

12

13 **MAUREEN PACHECO:** THANK YOU. I WILL. BUT WHAT I OFFER IS THAT  
14 THE YOUTH DEFENSE ADVOCACY COMMUNITY, AND WE ARE A COMMUNITY,  
15 IS OFFERING TO WORK WITH PROBATION. WE ASKED THE BOARD TO  
16 ENCOURAGE PROBATION TO WORK WITH US SO THAT WE CAN ESTABLISH A  
17 DEFENSE MONITORING PROCESS. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS PACHECO. DR. CLAVREUL.

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21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING. DR. CLAVREUL. ON  
22 THAT ISSUE, I PROBABLY COME FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE.  
23 YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE RULES AND WE EMPLOY PEOPLE TO  
24 APPLY THOSE RULES, AND IF THEY ARE NOT DOING THEIR JOB, THEY  
25 SHOULD BE FIRED, BUT OF COURSE IT'S L.A. COUNTY: THE WORSE YOU





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1    PERFORM, THE LONGER YOU STAY, AND I THINK IT'S TIME YOU  
2    IMPLEMENT AND DO AUDIT. BUT FOR CHRIST'S SAKES, WHEN YOU GET  
3    AN AUDIT WHICH IS BLATANT MISPERFORMANCE, YOU ACT ON IT. WE  
4    ARE SPENDING MONEY [INAUDIBLE] FOR 11 YEARS, I SHOULD SAY NOW.  
5    FOR 11 YEARS, I HAVE SEEN AUDIT AFTER AUDIT COMING DOWN WITH  
6    SOME PRETTY EGREGIOUS MISBEHAVIOR, AND EVERY TIME WE DO  
7    NOTHING ABOUT IT. I REMEMBER ONE DAY IN PARTICULAR WAS THE  
8    OFFICE OF AID, GET THE RESPONSE FROM MR. SCHUNHOFF, IT WOULD  
9    BE TOO MIND BOGGLING TO ACCOUNT FOR \$83 MILLION. I CAN GO BACK  
10   AND DO NUMEROUS THINGS LIKE THAT. STOP DOING THE AUDIT AND ACT  
11   ON IT, AND THAT'S WHAT I WOULD ASK YOU TO DO TODAY, PLEASE.

12

13   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS.  
14   ACTUALLY, WHEN I READ THE NEWSPAPER, SUPERVISOR THOMAS, AND  
15   SAW THAT YOU CALLED FOR A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION, I  
16   KIND OF GOT MY HOPES UP BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO SAY  
17   JUSTICE DEPARTMENT-- JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION OF THE  
18   COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUT IT WAS ONLY THE PROBATION  
19   DEPARTMENT, AND WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT THE SPEAKERS PRIOR TO  
20   ME, FOR THE MOST PART, WERE ALL LONG-TERM EMPLOYEES COMING  
21   BEFORE YOU REITERATING PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT  
22   THROUGH MOST OF THE TIME THAT YOU'VE BEEN SITTING AS  
23   SUPERVISORS. I WONDER IF THERE'S A BEARING ON THAT, BUT THEN  
24   AGAIN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU CALLED FOR THE DIRECTORS OF  
25   THE DEPARTMENT. WHAT HAPPENED WHEN M.L.K. FAILED? DID YOU CALL



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1 FOR THE DIRECTORS TO COME BACK THERE AND TALK ABOUT ANY POLICY  
2 CHANGES THERE? WE'VE HAD D.C.F.S. IN HERE REGARDING PROBLEMS  
3 WITH THAT. HAVE YOU CALLED FOR-- THE DIRECTORS HAVE-- I SHOULD  
4 SAY THEY'VE BEEN IN HERE, BUT THE LAST DIRECTORS HAS BEEN IN  
5 HERE, BUT THE KEEP PROBLEMS KEEP REAPPEARING. WHEN LONG TERM  
6 WORKERS COME BEFORE YOU AND EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS REGARDING  
7 THE POLICIES AND THE PROCEDURES, I ASK TWO QUESTIONS TODAY:  
8 HOW CAN THEY KEEP BEING LONG-TERM WORKERS, AND IF YOU'RE NOT  
9 LISTENING TO THEM, IF NOBODY'S LISTENING TO THEM, THEN WHAT  
10 POINT DO THE PEOPLE ON THIS SIDE WHO COME IN AND TALK ABOUT  
11 THEIR INDIVIDUAL CASES WITH THEIR FAMILIES HAVE OF GETTING ANY  
12 RESPONSE BECAUSE YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT LISTENING TO THE  
13 WORKERS, YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO LISTEN TO THE  
14 COMPLAINNEES. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES ALL THE  
17 TESTIMONY. ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT? IF NOT, THE ITEMS  
18 ARE BEFORE US.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE THEM.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED  
23 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
24 ORDERED, SO ORDERED ON ITEMS 2, 5 AND 6.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM--

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3    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ANYTHING ELSE?

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5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 70.

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7    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM 70.

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9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE PENSION ISSUE. I WAS JUST-- AS TO THE  
10 ACTIVE MEMBERS THAT ARE IN OUR VARIOUS PLANS TO PERHAPS WE  
11 HAVE 1,968 MEMBERS WHO ARE STILL ACTIVE COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT  
12 ARE IN PLAN "A" AND WE HAVE IN PLAN "E" 28,483. MOST OF OUR  
13 EMPLOYEES ARE IN PLAN "D," 51,885, AND THE QUESTION IS, WHAT  
14 IS THE-- DO WE HAVE A PROJECTION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS  
15 RELATIVE TO THAT PLAN "A," "B," "C" NUMBERS GOING OVER TO THE  
16 RETIRED SIDE?

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18    **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY. CAN YOU REPEAT YOUR QUESTION?

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20    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION IS, HOW MANY ARE WE PROJECTING  
21 ARE GOING TO BE RETIRING THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN PLANS "A," "B,"  
22 OR "C" WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

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24    **SPEAKER:** I'M NOT SURE WE'RE ABLE TO MAKE THOSE PROJECTIONS  
25 BECAUSE THEY'RE BASED ON INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS BUT WE CAN WORK



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1 WITH L.A.C.E.R.A. ON THEIR ACTUARIAL PROJECTIONS FOR THAT  
2 REMAINING POPULATION IN THOSE CLOSED PLANS.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE KNOW WHAT IS TAKING PLACE AT THE STATE  
5 WHERE MANY OF THE UNIONS HAVE NOW COME TO AGREEMENTS WITH THE  
6 GOVERNOR IN REDUCING STARTING ANOTHER TIER RELATIVE TO RETIRED  
7 BENEFITS AND THAT AND I HOPE OUR BOARD HAS ASKED FOR A REPORT  
8 HERE AS TO HOW WE ARE LOOKING AT MAKING THE REFORMS IN OUR  
9 PENSION SYSTEM. DO WE HAVE ANY STATUS REPORTS ON THAT?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** WE'LL BE GETTING BACK TO YOU ON THAT SHORTLY. I DON'T  
12 WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WE FEEL PRETTY STRONGLY THAT WE DID 30  
13 YEARS AGO WHAT THE STATE IS LOOKING AT DOING NOW AND WHAT MANY  
14 OTHER JURISDICTIONS ARE LOOKING AT DOING NOW. WE HAVE A VERY  
15 RESPONSIBLE PENSION SYSTEM AND WE DID REFORM IT 30 YEARS AGO,  
16 AND THROUGH YOUR LEADERSHIP, WE'VE STUCK WITH THAT, AND SO WE  
17 FEEL THAT OUR PLANS NOW ARE FAIR TO THE EMPLOYEES BUT ALSO  
18 FISCALLY SUSTAINABLE. WE DON'T HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT  
19 CONTINUING TO FUND THEM AND WE DON'T BELIEVE WE NEED TO MAKE  
20 MAJOR OR MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO REDUCE THE BENEFITS THAT ARE  
21 GIVEN BECAUSE WE HAVE ALREADY DONE THAT AND WE'VE STUCK WITH  
22 THAT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU'RE SAYING THERE ARE NO CHANGES THAT  
25 OUGHT TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER THE CURRENT SYSTEM?



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2 **SPEAKER:** WE WILL CONSIDER THEM. WE CAN, AND WE WILL REPORT  
3 BACK TO YOU ON THOSE.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU ARE CONSIDERING YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A  
6 REPORT BACK AS TO OTHER WAYS OF ENHANCING THE SYSTEM.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE CAN DO THAT.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR THE FISCAL STABILITY OF THAT SYSTEM.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW THAT THE SYSTEM WOULD CALL FOR MOVING  
15 TO A 457 401(K) SYSTEM FOR GENERAL MEMBERS. THOSE WOULD BE THE  
16 TRANSIENT EMPLOYEES WHO ARE IN THE SYSTEM BECAUSE UNLIKE IN  
17 THE PAST WHERE WE HAD PEOPLE STAYING FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME,  
18 NOW WE TEND TO HAVE MORE OF A TRANSIENT SYSTEM, AND THESE ARE  
19 SOME OF THE OTHER ISSUES THAT WERE BEING RAISED, BUT THOSE ARE  
20 MY ISSUES.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM 70 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY  
23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF THERE'S NO  
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE-- LET ME INTRODUCE-- REGIONAL PLANNING  
2   HAS JUST ISSUED A NOTIFICATION TO THE VARIOUS BOARD OFFICES  
3   TODAY THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE REDUCING HOURS AT THEIR ONE-  
4   STOP PERMIT FIELD OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE FIVE SUPERVISORIAL  
5   DISTRICTS AND I KNOW THAT'S AN IMPACT ON THE SAN GABRIEL FOR  
6   OUR AREA AND ANTELOPE VALLEY, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY FOR MY  
7   AREA, AND WHAT'S INTERESTING IS THE BOARD JUST APPROVED THE  
8   REGIONAL PLANNING FEE INCREASES BUT DID NOT-- NOW HAVE NOT  
9   BEEN CONSULTED IN ADVANCE EXCEPT WITH THIS EMAIL THAT WE JUST  
10   RECEIVED THAT'S GOING TO REDUCE HOURS, SO COULD WE HAVE A  
11   REPORT BACK FROM THE C.E.O. AS TO THIS RECENT EMAIL THAT'S  
12   BEEN SENT OUT AND REDUCTION OF THOSE HOURS AND HOW WE CAN  
13   RESTORE THOSE HOURS?

14

15   **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR. WE JUST BECAME AWARE OF THAT ISSUE AND  
16   WE'RE WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW. WE'LL GET BACK TO  
17   YOU PROMPTLY ON THAT.

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19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION FOR NEXT  
20   WEEK. "IN 2006, THE BOARD AMENDED THE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE  
21   REQUIRING A C.U.P. FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. THE  
22   ORDINANCE PROHIBITED THE OPENING OF A DISPENSARY WITHIN 1,000  
23   FEET OF CHURCHES, DAYCARE CENTERS, LIBRARIES, PLAYGROUNDS,  
24   SCHOOLS AND OTHER SENSITIVE AREAS. SEVERAL DISPENSARIES HAVE  
25   OPENED IN COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS WITHOUT SECURING THAT



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1 NECESSARY C.U.P., OR COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE. THE COUNTY STAFF  
2 AND MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING COUNTY COUNSEL, DISTRICT  
3 ATTORNEY, PUBLIC WORKS, REGIONAL PLANNING, TREASURER AND TAX  
4 COLLECTOR AND BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION HAVE EXPENDED  
5 TREMENDOUS RESOURCES ENFORCING AGAINST THESE USES. COUNTY  
6 ATTORNEYS HAVE GONE TO COURT TO CLOSE THESE FACILITIES  
7 INCLUDING IN ONE PARTICULAR INSTANCE, A DISPENSARY THAT COULD  
8 LOCATED TWO DOORS FROM A COUNTY LIBRARY. ACCORDING TO MEDIA  
9 REPORTS, MORE THAN 100 CITIES AND NINE COUNTIES HAVE BANNED  
10 MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. NEARLY EQUAL NUMBERS OF CITIES  
11 AND COUNTIES HAVE MORATORIUMS IN PLACE. THE ISSUE IS A  
12 PARTICULAR CONCERN AS IT IMPACTS THE DISPENSARIES WHICH MAY  
13 HAVE UPON THE COUNTY'S UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES WHICH ARE  
14 ADJACENT TO CITIES THAT HAVE BANNED THESE DISPENSARIES, WHICH  
15 BECOME OBVIOUS LOCALE OF CHOICE FOR DISPENSARY OPERATORS. FOR  
16 EXAMPLE, IN THOSE CITIES OF ARCADIA, MONROVIA AND PASADENA,  
17 IT'S LIKELY THAT DISPENSARY OPERATORS WILL APPLY FOR A C.U.P.  
18 IN SEVERAL ADJACENT UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. IT'S UNFAIR  
19 FOR OUR COUNTY UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS AND, OWNERS TO  
20 SHOULDER THAT BURDEN WHEN SURROUNDING CITIES HAVE TAKEN  
21 POSITIVE STEPS TO BAN THE USE WITHIN THEIR BORDERS, SO I WOULD  
22 MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING  
23 IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE ORDINANCE  
24 REVISIONS TO TITLE 22 OF THE COUNTY CODE FOR A COMPLETE BAN OF  
25 ALL MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS





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1 OF THE COUNTY, AND THAT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION WOULD  
2 CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON  
3 THAT PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO THE BOARD FOR ITS CONSIDERATIONS.  
4 THAT WOULD BE FOR NEXT WEEK.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. THAT'S FOR NEXT  
7 WEEK. THANK YOU. I HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT  
8 WE ADJOURN THIS MORNING IN THE MEMORY OF ROBERT SOLORIO. THE  
9 BELOVED GRANDFATHER OF RAQUEL SOLARIO. MR. SOLARIO WAS A LONG-  
10 TIME MONTEBELLO RESIDENT WHO ACTIVELY UTILIZED OUR MONTEBELLO  
11 SENIOR CENTER. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO RAQUEL AND  
12 HER ENTIRE FAMILY. I'D ALSO AND THAT ALL MEMBERS TO ADJOURN IN  
13 THE MEMORY OF LEGENDARY UNITED STATES SENATOR ROBERT BYRD,  
14 WHO'S PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. THE WEST VIRGINIA LAWMAKER  
15 WAS THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBER OF CONGRESS IN THE UNITED  
16 STATES HISTORY. HE ROSE FROM POVERTY TO ELECTION IN CONGRESS  
17 IN 1953 AT A TIME-- AND AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING, HE WAS  
18 MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE SENATE AND THIRD IN LINE FOR SUCCESSION  
19 TO THE PRESIDENCY. SENATOR BYRD WAS A MASTER OF THE SENATE  
20 RULES. HE WAS A STAUNCH DEFENDER OF THE CONSTITUTION AND SPOKE  
21 OUT OFTEN ABOUT SENATE PROCESS AS WELL AS PROCEDURES. HIS  
22 LEGACY WAS TRULY FASCINATING. FOR EXAMPLE, AFTER VOTING  
23 AGAINST THE LANDMARK 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, HE LATER  
24 VIGOROUSLY RENOUNCED HIS OWN ACTIONS. HE WAS BOTH CRITICIZED  
25 AND CELEBRATED OVER THE YEARS, INCLUDING HIS MEMORABLE



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1 ELOQUENCE SPEAKING OUT IN 2003 AGAINST AUTHORIZING THE WAR ON  
2 IRAQ. SENATOR BYRD'S LEADERSHIP AND LEGACY WILL NEVER BE  
3 FORGOTTEN AND TODAY WE PAY TRIBUTE TO ONE OF OUR NATION'S MOST  
4 ICONIC PUBLIC SERVANTS, SO I ASK ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN ME IN  
5 THAT ADJOURNMENT. AND I HELD NO OTHER ITEMS AND I DON'T HAVE  
6 ANY OTHER SPECIALS, SO CALL ON SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR  
7 HIS SPECIALS.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. PERMIT  
10 ME TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR  
11 INDIVIDUALS. I BEGIN WITH VILLA R. FRIERSON, BORN SEPTEMBER  
12 19, 1932 IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 18TH,  
13 2010 AT THE AGE OF 77. SHE RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE  
14 AND HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE FROM BENNETT  
15 COLLEGE IN NORTH CAROLINA. SHE SERVED THE COMPTON UNIFIED  
16 SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A TEACHER AND READING SPECIALIST AND  
17 RETIRED FROM THE DISTRICT AS DISTRICT SUPERVISOR OF GUIDANCE,  
18 WELFARE AND ATTENDANCE. SHE WAS A DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE  
19 CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP FROM 1963 UNTIL HER PASSING,  
20 WHERE SHE SERVED AS A SUNDAY SCHOOLTEACHER, WAS A MEMBER OF  
21 THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, THE BOARD OF WORLD SERVICE AND THE  
22 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CHILDCARE. SHE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF  
23 ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, THE LINKS, WOMEN ON TARGET,  
24 ABSOLUTE BRIDGE, AND FRIDAY NIGHT BRIDGE CLUBS, THE LULLABY  
25 GUILD AND MORE. SHE WAS ALSO DISTINCTLY KNOWN AS A WORLD



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1 TRAVELER. SHE ENJOYED ATTENDING THEATRE, RAISING FLOWERS AND  
2 COMPLETING CROSSWORD PUZZLES. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY  
3 HER SON JEFFREY AND A HOST OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. MR. CUBIE  
4 A. HUFFMAN, BORN JANUARY 2, 1934 IN DALLAS, TEXAS AND PASSED  
5 AWAY ON JUNE 2ND, 2010 AT THE AGE OF 76. HE RELOCATED TO LOS  
6 ANGELES IN 1938 AND GRADUATED FROM MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL AND  
7 ARBOR COLLEGE. HE WORKED FOR THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
8 FOR SOME TIME AND SERVED THE COUNTY THROUGH HIS WORK WITH THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF  
10 THE FOUR SEASONS WEST SKI CLUB. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR  
11 STARTING THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SKATE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH IN 1968  
12 AT THE MONA, ROOSEVELT AND SPORTSMAN PARKS. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
13 HIS SONS, TODD AND TROY. OFFICER PHILIP DENNIS ORTIZ, BORN  
14 JUNE 27TH, 1961 IN LOS ANGELES, AND PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 22ND,  
15 2010, AT THE AGE OF 48, AFTER BEING STRUCK BY A CAR IN THE  
16 LINE OF DUTY ON JUNE 9 OF 2010. HE GRADUATED FROM THE SANTA  
17 MONICA HIGH SCHOOL IN 1979 AND WORKED FOR A SHORT PERIOD AT  
18 SAFEWAY UNTIL HE JOINED THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL IN 1982,  
19 WHERE HE SERVED FAITHFULLY FOR SOME 28 YEARS. HE RECEIVED  
20 MOTORCYCLE TRAINING AFTER HIS FIRST YEAR WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
21 AND SPENT 20 YEARS IN SERVICE IN THE WEST LOS ANGELES AREA,  
22 ENJOYED PLAYING GOLF, GOING TO THE GYM, RUNNING, SMOKING  
23 CIGARS AND RIDING ONE OF HIS THREE HARLEY-DAVIDSON  
24 MOTORCYCLES. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS DEVOTION AS A  
25 HUSBAND, HIS LOVE FOR HIS PARENTS AND HIS FAITHFULNESS AS A



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1 FRIEND. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, JESSICA, HIS  
2 PARENTS IRENE AND CLAUSE, HIS SISTER, ANA, AND A HOST OF  
3 RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND GRIEVING CO-WORKERS. I WOULD REQUEST  
4 ALL MEMBERS IN HIS MEMORY.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ADJOURNMENT.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FINALLY, ROSA LEE THOMPSON, BORN SEPTEMBER  
9 15, 1925, IN LEESVILLE, AND PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 17, 2010 AT  
10 THE AGE OF 84. SHE GRADUATED FROM PARISH TRAINING SCHOOL IN  
11 DERIDDER, LOUISIANA, IN 1941 AT THE AGE OF 15, THEN MOVED TO  
12 WASHINGTON, D.C. TO ATTEND BEAUMONT BUSINESS COLLEGE. SHE  
13 RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1944 AFTER SHE EARNED A BUSINESS  
14 AND ACCOUNTING DEGREE FROM BEAUMONT. SHE HELD A NUMBER OF JOBS  
15 THROUGHOUT HER CAREER, INCLUDING SHORT-TERM AT LOCKHEED IN  
16 BURBANK AND WORKED EXTENSIVELY AS A PRESSER IN MANY OF THE  
17 LARGEST FASHION DESIGN HOUSES IN LOS ANGELES. SHE SPENT  
18 SEVERAL YEARS AS A HOMEMAKER AND RETURNED TO WORK AS A CULVER  
19 CITY LIBRARY CLERK UNTIL HER RETIREMENT IN 1995. SHE ALSO  
20 PARTNERED WITH HER HUSBAND AND SEVERAL REAL ESTATE VENTURES  
21 UNTIL HIS PASSING IN 2002. SHE HAD A TREMENDOUS FAITH AND  
22 COMMITMENT TO THE LORD AND SERVED FAITHFULLY AT THE CHURCH OF  
23 THE TRANSFIGURATION FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. SHE LOVED  
24 ENTERTAINING, SEEING LIVE THEATRE AND MOVIES AND WAS AN AVID  
25 READER, ENJOYED ALL TYPES OF MUSIC AND LOVED TO DANCE. SHE



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1 WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER LOVING GENEROSITY, HER  
2 SPIRITUALITY, HER PEACEFULNESS, HER DEVOTION TO FAMILY AND THE  
3 CHURCH, HER COOKING AND HER WARM, INVITING, AND BEAUTIFULLY  
4 DECORATED HOME. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER CHILDREN  
5 GLORIA AND DANNY, SISTER EARLENE, HER TWO GRANDDAUGHTERS AND A  
6 HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING IN  
7 MEMORY MOTIONS, MADAME CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. ARE YOU HOLDING ANY ITEMS?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I AM NOT, MADAME CHAIR.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNING  
16 MOTIONS. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY  
17 OF JAMES DANIEL O'CONNELL, WHO WAS A YOUNG MAN OF 20 YEARS OF  
18 AGE, A RESIDENT OF BRENTWOOD WHO DIED TRAGICALLY OVER THE  
19 WEEKEND WHEN HE WAS STRUCK AND KILLED BY A CAR IN THE SAN  
20 DIEGO FREEWAY. HE HAD JUST COMPLETED HIS JUNIOR HERE AT  
21 LAFAYETTE COLLEGE IN PENNSYLVANIA, A MEMBER OF ZETA PSI  
22 FRATERNITY AND HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN THE CAMPUS R.O.T.C.. HE IS  
23 SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, A BROTHER, AND GRANDPARENTS, ONE OF  
24 WHOM IS MY DENTIST, MICHAEL O'CONNELL, AND OTHER FAMILY  
25 MEMBERS AND MANY FRIENDS. I WILL GET THE INFORMATION TO YOU. I



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1 JUST LEARNED OF IT THIS MORNING. ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
2 MEMORY OF MATTHEW BENJAMIN BUTCHER. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY  
3 ADJOURNED IN HIS MEMORY, WHO DIED TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 27,  
4 WAS THE VICTIM OF AN ARMED ROBBERY AT A MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
5 DISPENSARY WHERE HE WORKED IN EAGLE ROCK, I BELIEVE. HIS  
6 MOTHER, JULIE BUTCHER, KNOWN TO MANY OF US IN HER ROLE AS ONE  
7 OF OUR REGION'S TOP UNION LEADERS AND REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE  
8 SERVICE EMPLOYERS INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL 721 DESCRIBED HIM  
9 AS A KIND, DECENT, QUIET YOUNG MAN WHO WAS EXTRAORDINARILY  
10 LOVED BY FAMILY. MATT IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, DON AND  
11 JULIE BUTCHER AND A YOUNGER BROTHER STEVEN. I ASK THAT ALL  
12 MEMBERS JOIN IN THAT ONE. ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ED  
13 KAMENIR, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE OF LOS ANGELES AND OF OUR  
14 DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. ED WAS A DENTIST  
15 AND AN ATTORNEY, PAST PRESIDENT OF SINAI TEMPLE, ONE OF THE  
16 OLDEST JEWISH CONGREGATIONS IN LOS ANGELES, A PASSIONATE  
17 BUILDER AND LIFELONG SUPPORTER OF NUMEROUS COMMUNITY AND  
18 JEWISH INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING CAMP RAMAH, THE AMERICAN JEWISH  
19 UNIVERSITY, JEWISH WORLD WATCH, NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES,  
20 JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGING, BEIT T'SHUVAH, CHAIM SHEBA MEDICAL  
21 CENTER AND JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
22 OF 63 YEARS, CHARLOTTE KAMENIR, FIVE CHILDREN, SANDRA, DAVID,  
23 MICHAEL, BARBARA SIEGEL AND JANICE KAMEMIR-REZNIK, EIGHT  
24 GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT GRANDSON, A SISTER, SHIRLEY SCHUSTER,



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1 AND MANY COUSINS, NIECES AND NEPHEWS. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING  
2 MOTIONS.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE WE STILL HOLDING?

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ITEM NUMBER 21.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND ITEM 3 ALSO, IS THAT RIGHT? LET'S TAKE  
11 UP ITEM 21.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DR. CLAVREUL, YOU HELD ITEM 21, 67 AND 69.  
14 IF YOU'D PLEASE JOIN US.

15

16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
17 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 67 AND 69, I WILL PASS ON  
18 THAT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

21

22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND ON 21 AND 22, I WOULD ALSO ASK FOR  
23 KIND-- IT'S KIND OF BIZARRE THAT ON ITEM 21, WE ACCEPT MONEY  
24 FROM S.E.I.U. FOR A PROJECT WHICH IS VERY NICE, BUT IN ITEM  
25 22, WE REAUTHORIZE AN S.E.I.U. WORKFORCE EDUCATION FOR A





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1 MILLION 739,000 DOLLARS. IT'S ACTUALLY KIND OF A QUID PRO QUO  
2 THERE, ESPECIALLY WHEN I KNOW VERY WELL WHAT THE S.E.I.U.  
3 WORKFORCE HAS BEEN DOING, NOT VERY IMPRESSED BY THE RESULT, SO  
4 I THINK MAYBE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER NOT TO PUT THE SAME  
5 THING, A DONATION AND THEN YOU EXTEND THE CONTRACT BY ALMOST  
6 \$2 MILLION. I WOULD HAVE PUT IT AT LEAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS  
7 APART, SO I MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT. BUT ANYWAY, IT'S VERY  
8 APPALLING, AND I THINK WE SHOULD REVIEW THAT CONTRACT WITH  
9 S.E.I.U. ON HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE BECAUSE THEY'VE DONE VERY  
10 LITTLE. THEY'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR MANY YEARS, AND WE ALL AGREE  
11 RIGHT NOW THAT THE COUNTY HOSPITALS ARE NOT RUNNING THE BEST,  
12 MORE DILIGENT WAY THAN THEY SHOULD BE, AND REFLECTING DIRECTLY  
13 ON TWO ISSUES: THE S.E.I.U. IS VERY TIGHTLY LINKED TO THE  
14 DEBACLE OF KING/DREW. THEY ARE VERY LINKED TO THE POOR  
15 EFFICIENCY OF THE L.A. COUNTY HOSPITAL. I WOULD LIKE VERY  
16 MUCH, SINCE YOU ARE SO KEEN ON AUDITS, DO AN AUDIT OF THE  
17 PRODUCTION FROM THAT WORKFORCE AND CANCEL THEIR CONTRACT.  
18 THANK YOU SO MUCH. ANYWAY, MY MOST RECENT ARTICLE TELLS YOU  
19 ABOUT NURSING.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM 21--

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MOVE IT.

24



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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
2   YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
3   ORDERED. ITEM 67 AND 69 ARE CONTINUED.

4

5   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 67 IS THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN. THE  
6   SETTLEMENT, THEY'RE ASKING FOR APPROVAL ON THE SETTLEMENT  
7   TODAY.

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9   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 67, ON JUST THE SETTLEMENT ALONE,  
10  MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
11  ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THE  
12  CORRECTIVE ACTION IS BEING CONTINUED ON THAT ITEM. WE DO HAVE-  
13  -

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15  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 22 AND ITEM 3. ITEM 22 IS GOING TO BE  
16  EXTENDED FOR A MONTH, IS THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE REPORT TO  
17  COME BACK IN TWO WEEKS, AND I KNOW THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO  
18  WANTED TO BE HEARD, BUT MAYBE IN LIGHT OF THAT, THEY WOULD  
19  PASS ON BEING HEARD. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE--

20

21  **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE HAVE, ON ITEM 22, WE HAVE WILLIAM  
22  LEGERE AND OSBEE SANGSTER. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY WERE WILLING.  
23  THE ITEM IS GOING TO BE CONTINUED. AS WELL AS GABRIEL  
24  WASHINGTON.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE CONTRACT IS GOING TO BE EXTENDED FOR A  
2   MONTH SO THERE'S NO HARM, NO FOUL.

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4   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S GOING TO BE EXTENDED. IS THERE ANY  
5   QUESTION OR COMMENT ON THAT?

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7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I APPRECIATE THAT. IF NOT, I WILL MOVE  
8   APPROVAL OF THE C.E.O.'S REQUEST FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF  
9   THE CONTRACT AND REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY, JULY  
10   13TH.

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12   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT AMENDMENT THAT WE'RE  
13   APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR AN EXTENSION OF ONE MONTH AND THAT  
14   WILL BE BACK IN TWO WEEKS FOR A REPORT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
15   YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
16   ORDERED.

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18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I'LL CALL UP NUMBER 3 NOW, MADAME CHAIR.

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 3. DO YOU WANT TO  
21   ASK ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? WE HAVE VARIOUS PEOPLE.

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23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I'D LIKE-- YEAH, I THINK WE SHOULD  
24   HEAR FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND I THINK WE NEED TO



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1 HEAR FROM SUPERINTENDENT DARLENE ROBLES, WHO I BELIEVE IS  
2 HERE.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, DARLENE? MISS ROBLES, ARE YOU HERE?  
5 YOU SHOULD JOIN US. WHY DON'T WE ASK QUESTIONS FIRST AND THEN  
6 WE CAN HAVE--

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAVE THE PUBLIC SECOND?

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MM-HMM.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE.

13

14 **DARLENE ROBLES:** GOOD MORNING. I WANT TO-- DO I WAIT FOR  
15 QUESTIONS, OR DO I START?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, LET ME JUST-- THIS IS-- NONE OF US  
18 BROUGHT THIS UP. THIS WAS BROUGHT UP BY SUPERVISOR KNABE I  
19 THINK IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC TESTIMONY, PUBLIC COMMENT THAT WE  
20 HAD A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, AND HE WANTED TO GET THIS ON THE  
21 AGENDA BECAUSE THE FISCAL YEAR IS CLOSING BEFORE OUR NEXT  
22 MEETING, AND SO I THINK WE CAN LEGITIMATELY INFER FROM HIS  
23 MOTION THAT HE WAS RESPONDING TO THE CONCERNS THAT WERE RAISED  
24 BY THE PUBLIC AND HE'S ASKING IN THE MOTION THAT THE BOARD OF  
25 EDUCATION, COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND L.A.C.O.E. EXTEND THE



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1 CONTRACT WITH THE CURRENT PROVIDERS, CURRENT SCHOOLS THAT  
2 PROVIDE FOR THESE SERVICES FOR 30 DAYS SO THAT THIS THING CAN  
3 BE SORTED OUT. THAT'S HIS PROPOSAL. NOW WHAT I THINK WE'D LIKE  
4 IS BOTH YOUR REACTION AND YOUR RESPONSE AND ANALYSIS OF HIS  
5 PROPOSAL AND WHAT CONSEQUENCES, INTENDED OR UNINTENDED THERE  
6 MAY BE TO IT AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO ADD AND PUT THIS  
7 WHOLE THING IN CONTEXT, BUT THIS DID COME TO US. FRANKLY,  
8 MAYBE YOU TALKED TO OUR STAFFS ABOUT, I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT  
9 CAME TO US AS SOMEWHAT OF A SURPRISE WHEN IT HIT US EITHER  
10 LAST WEEK OR THE WEEK BEFORE, I DON'T REMEMBER WHICH WEEK IT  
11 WAS, THAT THE PUBLIC CAME OUT.

12

13 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** AND AGAIN, I WANT TO BEGIN BY, I DID SPEAK  
14 TO STAFF FROM MR. KNABE'S OFFICE THIS MORNING AND I FIRST  
15 WANTED TO OFFER MY APOLOGY IN NOT BEING IN MY COMMUNICATION TO  
16 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST  
17 YEAR TO REDUCE OUR COSTS IN COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOLS. WE HAVE  
18 SHARED WITH OFFICES OVER TIME, BUT NOT IN THE DETAIL THAT WE  
19 SHOULD HAVE, SO I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. WE HAVE BEEN IN THE  
20 PROCESS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS REDUCING OUR COSTS AT  
21 COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF REVENUE LIMIT AND THE  
22 EXPENDITURES HAVE NOT MATCHED, AND IN ADDITION TO THE ISSUES  
23 OF OUR BUDGET FOR L.A.C.O.E. WITH THE J.C.S. DEFICIT, WE HAVE  
24 BEEN TRYING TO MANAGE OUR BUDGET SO THAT WE WOULD GET AN  
25 APPROVAL BUDGET BY THE STATE. SO THAT HAS BEEN OUR EFFORT, AND



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1 WE CAN TALK MORE IN DETAIL ABOUT THAT PROCESS, BUT IN RESPONSE  
2 TO SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION, WHEN I DID LEARN ABOUT IT LATE  
3 LAST WEEK, I IMMEDIATELY INVESTIGATED THE POSSIBILITY OF  
4 KEEPING THE SITES OPEN FOR 30 DAYS. IN ADDITION, THAT REQUEST  
5 HAD ALSO COME TO ME THROUGH THE UNION. I HAD MET WITH THEM A  
6 FEW WEEKS AGO, AND THEY ASKED ME TO LEAVE IT OPEN FOR 30 DAYS.  
7 I MADE A COMMITMENT AT THAT TIME TO WORK WITH THE SCHOOL  
8 DISTRICTS TO SEE IF THEY WOULD SIGN AN M.O.U. OF UNDERSTANDING  
9 FOR THE EXCESS COSTS. NOW, I DESCRIBED THE EXCESS COSTS AS  
10 HERE ARE THE STUDENTS-- 25 STUDENTS THAT HAVE AN ATTENDANCE  
11 RATE OF A CERTAIN AMOUNT AND THEN THE REVENUE IS GENERATED BY  
12 AN ATTENDANCE RATE. THEN WHATEVER IS OVER AND ABOVE THAT, THAT  
13 WOULD THEN BE DIVIDED BY THE DISTRICTS WHO HAVE SIGNED THE  
14 M.O.U., SO THAT'S THE EXCESS COST. IN GOING BACK TO LOOKING AT  
15 THE POSSIBILITY OF KEEPING THE SITE OPEN FOR 30 DAYS, WE HAVE  
16 JUST-- WE'VE JUST GONE THROUGH A REDUCTION IN FORCE IN OUR  
17 OFFICE, WHERE TEACHERS ARE NOTIFIED IN MARCH AND IN MAY  
18 BECAUSE OF A LOWER CLASS SIZES IN J.C.S., ALSO WITH THE  
19 POSSIBILITY OF THE CLOSURES OF C.D.S. SITES AND ALSO WITH SOME  
20 OF THE TAKE BACKS FROM OUR SPECIAL ED PROGRAM, SO WE HAD A  
21 REDUCTION IN FORCE. I ASKED LEGAL COUNSEL, AM I ALLOWED TO  
22 HIRE BACK ON A REDUCTION FORCE LIST FOR 30 DAYS, TEACHERS OR  
23 ALSO HIRE SUBSTITUTES. HIS OPINION IS THAT IF A LAID-OFF  
24 EMPLOYEE WERE TO ACCEPT AN OFFER OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AND  
25 SIGN A CONTRACT, IT WOULD NOT PREVENT THE EMPLOYEE FROM LATER



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1 CLAIMING THAT HE OR SHE HAD EFFECTIVELY BEEN REAPPOINTED. SO  
2 IN THE SUMMARY, WE OWNED THOSE TEACHERS NOT JUST FOR 30 DAYS  
3 BUT FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. SO THAT WOULD END, IF I HIRED BACK 10  
4 OR 15 TEACHERS, IT WOULD END UP CLOSE TO A MILLION DOLLARS.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT IF THEY CAME BACK ONLY AS SUBSTITUTES?

7

8 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** I ASKED THAT QUESTION. IT'S THE SAME  
9 THING. THEY WOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED TO BE OWNED BY THE COUNTY  
10 OFFICE.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHY?

13

14 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** THAT'S THE WAY THE ED CODE READS. WE EVEN  
15 ASKED, "WELL, WHAT IF THEY SIGNED TO THAT EFFECT, THAT THEY'RE  
16 WILLING DOING INTO A TEMPORARY CONTRACT?"

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THIS THE COUNTY COUNSEL?

19

20 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** NO. THAT'S OUR LEGAL COUNSEL THAT WORKS ON  
21 THE REDUCTION FORCE BECAUSE IT'S A VERY COMPLICATED SYSTEM IN  
22 THE ED CODE ABOUT WHEN TEACHERS ARE NOTIFIED--

23





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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT THE POINT IS THAT IF YOU  
2   CREATE A SEPARATE CONTRACT WITH AN INDIVIDUAL, SHOULDN'T THAT  
3   CONTRACT GOVERN?

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5   **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** THIS IS WHAT HE STATES, THAT IN ESSENCE--

6

7   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET ME GET THAT FOR TO OUR COUNTY COUNSEL.

8

9   **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE NATURE OF  
10   L.A.C.O.E., THEY HAVE HAD OUTSIDE COUNSEL--

11

12   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, I UNDERSTAND, BUT IF, IN FACT, TWO  
13   INDIVIDUALS OR AN ENTITY AND AN INDIVIDUAL WERE TO ENTER INTO  
14   A CONTRACT, WOULDN'T THAT BE THE GOVERNANCE OF THAT SITUATION?  
15   WHY WOULD THAT BIND A L.A.C.O.E. TO ANY OTHER ASPECTS OF A  
16   CONTRACT IF THEY'VE ONLY--

17

18   **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** WE CAN CERTAINLY LOOK AT IT  
19   INDEPENDENTLY AND LOOK AT THE PROVISIONS IN THE EDUCATION CODE  
20   AND IF THERE IS ANY OTHER WAY TO ASSIST THEM. I KNOW  
21   L.A.C.O.E. WISHES TO MAKE A MONTHLY CONTRACT. THEY WOULD  
22   PREFER TO DO THAT IF THEY CAN. THEIR COUNSEL, WHO WAS AN  
23   EXPERT IN THAT AREA, HAS TOLD THEM THEY CAN'T. WE'D BE HAPPY  
24   TO--

25



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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M WORRIED THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT  
2   UNDER ANY PROVISION FOR THE L.I.N.O.E. CONTRACT. A CONTRACT IS  
3   A CONTRACT, AND THE FACT THAT YOU WOULD MAKE A-- YOU COULD  
4   CLEARLY STATE OUT ALL ASPECTS OF THAT, WHY THAT WOULD MAKE IT  
5   BINDING FOR A WHOLE YEAR IF THAT IS A VERY SPECIFIED -- AND  
6   THOSE PEOPLE THAT DON'T WISH TO ENTER INTO INTO IT DON'T HAVE  
7   TO. I AM VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING AT LEAST A 30-DAY  
8   CONTINUANCE TO EXPLORE ALL THE OTHER OPTIONS, BUT IF THAT'S  
9   ALL THIS IS IS POTENTIALLY A LEGAL PROBLEM.

10

11   **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** NO. IT'S MORE THAN THAT, SUPERVISOR.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, I DON'T HAVE THAT LEGAL OPINION. I  
14   JUST HAVE A STATEMENT FROM YOUR LAWYERS, AND IT DOESN'T  
15   SATISFY ME.

16

17   **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** WE WOULD GLADLY SHARE OUR LEGAL OPINION  
18   WITH YOU.

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK IT'S A LEGAL OPINION. I JUST  
21   THINK IT'S A SIMPLE ANSWER. WHY IS IT THAT IS BINDING UNDER  
22   WHATEVER GOVERNANCE RULE THAT YOU HAVE? IF YOU HAVE A  
23   CONTRACT, YOU WANT TO MAKE A CONTRACT WITH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO  
24   YOU CONTRACTED WITH IN THE PAST, I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THAT  
25   CONTRACT WOULD NOW HAVE A WHOLE DIFFERENT VIEW.



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2 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** THERE'S NO AUTHORIZATION IN ED CODE TO  
3 HIRE TEMPORARY CONTRACT EMPLOYEES UNLESS THERE'S A VACANT  
4 POSITION, AND IF IT'S A VACANT POSITION, THE ED CODE IN  
5 REDUCTION FORCE REQUIRES THAT I GO BACK TO THOSE THAT WE LAID  
6 OFF IN THE REDUCTION FORCE AND THEN THEY ARE GUARANTEED, WHEN  
7 THEY'RE REHIRED, A JOB FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND YOUR LAWYER CAN'T FIND A WAY THAT WE  
10 COULD CREATE A TEMPORARY SITUATION UNDER THE ED CODE FOR 30  
11 DAYS TO HAVE SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS COME IN, WHICH ALL TEACHERS  
12 WOULD BE.

13

14 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** NOT AT THE RISK OF THEM CLAIMING THAT IT'S  
15 THEIR JOB FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR, AND THAT'S THE WAY THE ED  
16 CODE READS, IT'S A VERY COMPLICATED--

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** KIDS ARE GOING TO SUFFER BECAUSE WE DIDN'T  
19 TAKE A LOOK AT ALL ASPECTS OF IT.

20

21 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER IS THAT I KNOW  
22 JULY 1ST IS THURSDAY, AND WE ARE WORKING WITH DISTRICTS RIGHT  
23 NOW AND GETTING CLOSE TO GETTING SOME M.O.U.S WITH THAT TO PAY  
24 FOR THE EXCESS COSTS. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING THIS BACK TO MY  
25 BOARD. THEY DON'T MEET TODAY, ON TUESDAY. THEY HAVE A FIFTH



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1 TUESDAY. THEY DON'T MEET ON A FIFTH TUESDAY-- IS TO GO BACK TO  
2 MY BOARD ON TUESDAY, JULY 6TH, BRING THIS UP, BECAUSE IT IS A  
3 BUDGET ISSUE, AND AT THIS TIME, ALLOW ANDREA TO WORK WITH OUR  
4 COUNTY COUNSEL, WITH OUR GENERAL COUNSEL, AND IF THE BOARD--  
5 AND THERE'S AN AGREEMENT THAT WE CAN, WE CAN BEGIN SCHOOL JULY  
6 7TH AND THE STUDENTS WOULD MAKE UP THOSE THREE OTHER DAYS IN  
7 THE YEAR IF WE DO OWN THEM FOR THE YEAR. THAT GIVES US AT  
8 LEAST A FEW MORE DAYS TO WORK OUT THE LEGAL ISSUE WITH OUR--  
9 I'LL GLADLY HAVE OUR ATTORNEY SPEAK TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL.  
10 THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THAT CAN HAPPEN TODAY OR TOMORROW, AND  
11 ALLOW ME TO GO BACK TO MY BOARD ON JULY 6TH AND PUT THIS ON  
12 THE AGENDA AND HAVE THEM REVIEW THAT BUDGET ITEM, BECAUSE WE  
13 JUST SUBMITTED OUR BUDGET THAT'S APPROVAL BY THE STATE, AND SO  
14 IF WE END UP HAVING TO OWN THEM, THEN THAT'S ANOTHER 1.29  
15 MILLION.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK ANY OF US ON THIS BOARD AT  
18 THIS POINT IN TIME IS ASKING YOU THAT RIGHT NOW.

19

20 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT IF THAT WOULD BE  
21 THE CASE, THAT THAT WOULD BE THE CONSENSUS FROM THE COUNTY  
22 COUNSEL, THEN THAT WOULD [INAUDIBLE] THE BOARD. THE BOARD MAY  
23 SAY, "WELL, OPEN UP THREE SITES, NOT ALL THE 20 SITES," BUT  
24 THAT WOULD GIVE MY BOARD SOME TIME ON JULY 6TH TO DISCUSS  
25 THIS, AND ALSO BY THIS WEEK, LOOK AT ONE OF THE M.O.U.S I



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1 HAVE. RIGHT NOW, I'VE SPOKEN TO QUITE A FEW SUPERINTENDENTS  
2 AND THEY ARE INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT WHAT THAT COST WOULD BE,  
3 AND DOWNEY C.D.S., AS I SHARED WITH THEM WHAT MR. LEWIS-- I  
4 SHOULDN'T SAY THEM-- WITH THE UNION THAT I WOULD GO AND FOLLOW  
5 UP WITH THE SUPERINTENDENTS. ONE SUPERINTENDENT HAS AGREED TO  
6 PAY FOR THE EXCESS COSTS, ONE OF THE DISTRICTS IS LOOKING AT  
7 IT AND PROBABLY WILL SIGN OFF, AND I SHOULD KNOW THAT BY  
8 WEDNESDAY, AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, IF I GET TWO TO SIGN OFF, I  
9 CAN RESCIND THAT POSITION, AND THEN WE GO BACK TO THE  
10 REDUCTION IN FORCE AND THE MOST SENIOR TEACHER ON THAT LIST  
11 WOULD THEN BE HIRED, AND SO WE'LL BE DOING THAT WITH MANY OF  
12 OUR SITES IN THE NEXT A COUPLE OF DAYS.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, IF THAT IS POSSIBLE, THEN  
15 ARE WE IN AGREEMENT TO ALLOW THIS TO BE CONTINUED FOR A WEEK  
16 OR TWO?

17

18 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** TWO WEEKS, JULY 13TH.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAIT A SECOND. I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO  
21 INTERRUPT, BUT ON THIS TECHNICAL QUESTION, AND I'M SORRY, I  
22 MAY HAVE MISSED SOMETHING BECAUSE I WAS DOING SOMETHING ELSE,  
23 BUT THE-- I THOUGHT YOUR CONCERN WAS THAT IF WE DIDN'T-- THAT  
24 ANYTHING BEYOND THE FIRST OF JULY WOULD COMMIT US IF WE PAID  
25 FOR ANYTHING-- IF YOU PAID FOR ANYTHING AFTER THE FIRST OF



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1 JULY, YOU'D BE COMMITTED TO IT FOR THE WHOLE YEAR. ARE YOU NOW  
2 BACKING AWAY FROM THAT?

3

4 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** NO SIR. WHAT I'M ASKING--

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO A TWO WEEK CONTINUANCE WITH NO MONEY  
7 COMMITMENT?

8

9 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** I WOULD NOT KEEP THE SITES OPEN. THEY  
10 WOULD GO-- THE STUDENTS WOULD BE SERVED--

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE TWO WEEK COMMITMENT, THE TWO WEEK  
13 EXTENSION YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS WITHOUT KEEPING THE SITES  
14 OPEN.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, BUT SHE SAID THAT THEY COULD OPEN, AND THEY  
17 WOULD MAKE UP THE DAYS.

18

19 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** WE COULD MAKE UP THE TIME AT THE SPRING  
20 OR-- THE STUDENTS WOULD NOT LOSE THOSE DAYS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, BUT WE'RE NOT MAKING THAT COMMITMENT  
23 AS PART OF THIS CONTINUANCE OF TWO WEEKS. THAT'S A DECISION TO  
24 BE MADE IN TWO WEEKS.

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1   **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** RIGHT. CORRECT.

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3   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. WE WOULD MOVE AS IS, BUT THAT IT WOULD COME  
4   BACK TO US IN TWO WEEKS. AND THEN IN THE INTERIM, HER BOARD  
5   WOULD HEAR IT, TRY AND LOOK AT IT. SHE'D CONTINUE HER  
6   DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENTS THAT SHE'S WORKING WITH,  
7   AND THEN HER LAWYER WOULD WORK WITH OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, TALK  
8   ABOUT THE CONTRACT PROVISIONS.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE GOT A PLAN.

11

12   **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** AND AGAIN, AS SOON AS I KNOW ANYTHING  
13   THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, IF TONIGHT I HEAR FROM OTHER DISTRICTS THAT  
14   ARE LOOKING AT SIGNING AN M.O.U., I WILL DEFINITELY EMAIL  
15   DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHERE WE ARE.

16

17   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR? AS WE PROCEED, IT SEEMS TO  
18   ME THAT AN ADDITIONAL ELEMENT SHOULD BE INCLUDED BY WAY OF  
19   AMENDMENT TO THE KNABE MOTION, AND THAT IS TO INCLUDE THE  
20   DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION IN THE DISCUSSIONS YOU'RE HAVING WITH  
21   L.A.U.S.D. BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT, AS I SUSPECT MOST OF US  
22   ARE, THAT MANY OF THE YOUNGSTERS WHO ATTEND THESE PARTICULAR  
23   SCHOOLS ARE RECENTLY RELEASED FROM OR OFF OF PROBATION, AND WE  
24   NEED TO KEEP OUR EYE ON THE BALL WITH RESPECT TO THE LEARNING  
25   ENVIRONMENTS IN WHICH THEY CAN MOST EFFECTIVELY SUCCEED. THERE





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1 ARE GOOD NEWS REPORTS EMANATING FROM A NUMBER OF THESE  
2 SCHOOLS. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, I THINK THE  
3 COLLABORATION IS WARRANTED AND I WOULD JUST SIMPLY HOPE THAT  
4 AS YOU MOVE FORWARD OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, THAT  
5 PROBATION WOULD BE FACTORED INTO THIS DISCUSSION. WE NEED TO  
6 BE ATTENTIVE TO ISSUES OF RECIDIVISM AND ABSENT SUCH SCHOOL  
7 ENVIRONMENTS, SUCH LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS, IT IS CLEAR AS TO  
8 WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES MIGHT VERY WELL BE. SO, MADAME CHAIR,  
9 WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THE MOTION  
10 ACCORDINGLY.

11

12 **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** AND IF I JUST MAY ADD ONE COMMENT, I DID  
13 SPEAK TO L.A.U.S.D. TOO, MR. CORTINEZ, AND HE'S SUPPOSED TO  
14 GIVE ME A REPORT ABOUT PAYING FOR THE EXCESS COSTS. I'M  
15 HOPEFUL THAT THAT WILL HAPPEN. AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE'LL  
16 OPEN UP ON JULY 6TH, AND THE OTHER PIECE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO  
17 SHARE IS THAT I'VE HAD GREAT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE NEW CHIEF,  
18 CHIEF BLEVINS WORKING WITH US AND MAKING SURE THAT THE  
19 ENROLLMENT IS THERE AND HAVING THE REFERRALS TO US. THAT'S NOT  
20 BEEN THE CASE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, BUT CHIEF BLEVINS IS VERY  
21 EXCITED ABOUT WORKING WITH US AND OPENING UP C.D.S. SITES  
22 WHERE THEY MAY NOT BE RIGHT NOW, SO I'M VERY HOPEFUL.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT THE THRUST OF THE AMENDMENT IS TO  
2   FORMALIZE IT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR  
3   KNABE PUTS FORTH.

4

5   **DR. DARLENE ROBLES:** I APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

6

7   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS  
8   THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US. ALL RIGHT. MS. WINNIE JACKSON,  
9   FOLLOWED BY YESSICA FUENTES, BRANDON SANTOS, FOLLOWED BY JAIME  
10   AMAYA. IF THEY'D JOIN US. MISS JACKSON, IF YOU'D BEGIN.

11

12   **WINNIE JACKSON:** SUPERVISORS, I LOVE YOU ALL DEARLY. YOU KNOW  
13   THAT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I'VE NEVER CALLED YOU FOR  
14   CHILDREN THAT YOU DID NOT COME. OR YOU, SUPERVISOR  
15   YAROSLAVSKY. NOR YOU, MS. MOLINA, AND I'M GETTING TO KNOW  
16   SUPERVISOR THOMAS. I KNEW HIM IN ANOTHER CAPACITY. AND IN THE  
17   ABSENCE, SUPERVISOR KNABE. AMAZING PEOPLE. I AM NOT GOING TO  
18   CRY, BUT I SAY OF YOU OF A CERTAINTY, YOU HAVE NEVER, EVER  
19   FAILED ME WITH CHILDREN. THIS IS A SERIOUS SITUATION, BECAUSE  
20   IF YOU PUT THESE KIDS BACK OUT ON THE STREETS WITH ALL THAT IS  
21   GOING ON, WE ARE AT GREAT RISK. YOU KNOW THAT AND I KNOW THAT.  
22   I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THANK YOU THAT YOU WOULD EVEN LISTEN TO  
23   THEM AND LISTEN TO ME AND THOSE THAT SPEAK BEFORE YOU. YOU ARE  
24   THE VOICE. I'M JUST A PERSON. YOU'RE THE MOST POWERFUL ENTITY  
25   THAT I KNOW FOR THESE BABIES. IF YOU DON'T FIGHT FOR THEM, I



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1 DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO, SO I JUST CAME TO SAY THANK YOU  
2 FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN TO THEM, FOR EVERYTHING THAT  
3 YOU'VE RECEIVED, FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO ON  
4 THEIR BEHALF. IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT THEY KNOW THAT YOU ARE  
5 THEIR SUPERVISOR AND THAT YOU ARE FIGHTING FOR THEM. I WANT  
6 YOU TO LISTEN TO WHAT THESE BABIES HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **YESSICA FUENTES:** HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS YESSICA FUENTES.  
9 I GO TO MISSION INDEPENDENT STUDIES AND IT REALLY HELPED ME,  
10 BECAUSE I HAVE A DAUGHTER. HER NAME IS VIENI. THANKS TO  
11 MISSION INDEPENDENT STUDIES, I GRADUATED BECAUSE THEY HAVE A  
12 CHILD CARE WHERE I CAN SEE MY DAUGHTER AT THE SAME TIME. MY  
13 EXPERIENCE WAS, WHEN I WENT TO OPTIONS FOR YOUTH, I WASN'T  
14 ABLE TO TAKE MY DAUGHTER TO SCHOOL AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE A  
15 CHILD CARE, SO WHEN I HEARD ABOUT MISSION INDEPENDENT STUDIES,  
16 I ASKED MY MOM TO TAKE ME THERE. THANKS TO THEM, I WAS ABLE TO  
17 GRADUATE. [CRYING] BECAUSE I GET A ONE TO ONE TUTOR WHICH I  
18 DIDN'T HAVE AT ANOTHER SCHOOL. AND IF YOU CLOSE IT, WHAT'S  
19 GOING TO HAPPEN TO EVERYBODY? THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET THE  
20 CHANCE TO GRADUATE BECAUSE THEY WON'T EVEN HAVE A BABY-SITTER  
21 OR THEY WON'T EVEN GET THE HELP THAT I GOT AT MISSION  
22 INDEPENDENT STUDIES, SO PLEASE DON'T CLOSE IT DOWN.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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1   **JAIME AMAYA:** I JUST WANT TO GIVE YOU GUYS THANKS FOR THE  
2   OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK OUT THIS NICE, WONDERFUL SCHOOL, MISSION  
3   INDEPENDENT STUDIES. EVER SINCE I'VE GONE THERE, I'VE BEEN  
4   DOING PRETTY GOOD. I CAUGHT UP WITH A LOT OF THINGS. THEY  
5   SHOWED ME A LOT OF I DIDN'T KNOW. THEY CAUGHT ME UP TO WHERE  
6   I'M SUPPOSED TO BE, THEY ALWAYS GIVE ME THE TIME. SO I WASN'T  
7   REALLY GOING TO SCHOOL UNTIL I GOT THERE. MY BROTHER, HE TOLD  
8   ME ABOUT THIS SCHOOL, SO IT STARTED HELPING ME OUT. I THOUGHT  
9   I WAS REALLY GOING TO GRADUATE, BUT IT WAS REAL AWFUL WHEN  
10   THEY TOLD ME THAT THEY WERE GOING TO CLOSE IT DOWN, SO I  
11   DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO. SO I JUST WANT TO ASK YOU  
12   GUYS TO HELP US OUT A LITTLE AND HOPEFULLY YOU GUYS KEEP THE  
13   SCHOOL OPEN.

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15   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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17   **BRANDON SANTOS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS BRANDON SANTOS, AND I'M  
18   CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN MISSION INDEPENDENT STUDIES. I AM A  
19   STUDENT THAT NEEDS HELP WITH MY HOMEWORK, AND MY SCHOOL GIVES  
20   ME THE ONE ON ONE TUTOR THAT OTHER SCHOOLS WOULDN'T. I'VE  
21   TRIED A REGULAR SCHOOL, BUT REGULAR HIGH SCHOOLS REALLY DON'T  
22   HELP ME OUT. IF YOU CLOSE THIS SCHOOL, THEN I MIGHT NOT HAVE  
23   THE CHANCE TO GRADUATE. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OTHER STUDENTS  
24   BEFORE ME? SO PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE AND THINK OF WHAT WILL



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1 HAPPEN TO US AT MISSION INDEPENDENT STUDIES. THANK YOU FOR  
2 YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NEXT WE HAVE RUDY  
5 SPIVERY, MARK LEWIS, PAM WRIGHT AND LOLA SKELTON, IF THEY'D  
6 JOIN US.

7

8 **MARK LEWIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARK LEWIS, SUPERVISOR  
9 MOLINA. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO US AND THANK YOU FOR  
10 HEARING THE PLIGHT OF THE CHILDREN THAT YOU JUST HEARD FROM.  
11 THERE ARE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS MORE, AND JUST THANKS TO ALL  
12 OF YOU FOR LISTENING AND TAKING THE TIME, PARTICULARLY TO YOUR  
13 STAFFS. WE HAVE MADE A PESTSOF OURSELVES OVER THE LAST WEEK OR  
14 10 DAYS, AND PLYING THE EIGHTH FLOOR BACK AND FORTH. THEY HAVE  
15 WORKED WITH US DILIGENTLY, THEY HAVE LISTENED, THEY HAVE  
16 HEARD, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENTS.  
17 THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY THAT WOULD OUTSHINE WHAT THOSE THREE  
18 KIDS HAD TO SAY, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HEARING.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, MR. SPIVERY?

21

22 **RUDY SPIVERY:** HOW ARE YOU DOING, SUPERVISOR. LET'S SEE WHAT  
23 THE TIME IS. GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. I'M TIRED. I'VE BEEN AT  
24 THIS FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS NOW, AND I JUST WANT TO THANK  
25 EVERYBODY. I'M LOOKING AT ALL THE FACES THAT I'VE MET



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1 PERSONALLY OVER THE LAST THREE WEEKS IN THEIR OFFICES. I'M A  
2 TEACHER AND TECHNICALLY TOMORROW IS MY LAST DAY ON THE JOB. I  
3 HAVE A R.I.F. LETTER, AND UNLESS SOMETHING HAPPENS FROM THIS  
4 BODY AND DR. ROBLES AND HER STAFF, I'LL BE LOOKING FOR WORK ON  
5 THURSDAY. BUT, ONCE AGAIN, LIKE I SAD THE LAST TIME THAT I WAS  
6 HERE, IT'S NOT ABOUT ME, I FEEL REALLY GOOD ABOUT THIS, A LOT  
7 OF JOY, A LOT OF HARD WORK, BUT TO COME TO THIS DAY TO HEAR  
8 DR. ROBLES, AND WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER, AND I'VE GOT RESPECT  
9 FOR YOU, DR. ROBLES, BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO  
10 THE RIGHT THING FOR THESE CHILDREN. MANY OF THEM HAVE SO MUCH  
11 THEY WANT TO SAY TO YOU BUT DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT THEY'RE DOING  
12 IT IN THEIR DEEDS, THEY'RE DOING IT IN THEIR STUDIES, THEY'RE  
13 DOING IT IN THE CLASSROOM, THEY'VE SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVED. I  
14 DON'T KNOW IF YOU SAW FOX LETTER NEWS THE OTHER DAY, THAT WAS  
15 ME RUNNING AROUND IN THE CLASSROOM. IT'S A JOY TO GO TO WORK  
16 EVERY DAY AND WORK WITH THE DOWNEY LEARNING CENTER FOR CHANGE,  
17 IS WHAT WE CALL IT, AND IN YESTERDAY'S NEWSPAPER ARTICLE. I  
18 JUST WANT TO SAY TO ALL OF YOU, PLEASE, WE SAY NO CHILD LEFT  
19 BEHIND, AND EVERYBODY HAS A DIFFERENT PATH, BUT ALL OF US ARE  
20 TRYING TO WORK WITH OUR KIDS. WE HONORED ALL THESE KIDS THIS  
21 MORNING. LET'S NOT FORGET ABOUT THE LESS FORTUNATE, IF THAT IS  
22 REALLY WHAT THEY ARE, BECAUSE I SEE THEM AS BEING SUPER, SUPER  
23 STUDENTS, BUT I AM JUST OVERWHELMED TODAY, MY HEART IS FULL  
24 AGAIN. I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR SUPPORTING US AND JUST  
25 LISTENING TO US AND FOR THESE KIDS, FOR THESE KIDS. NOW, I'M



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1 NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT A 30-DAY. I'M TALKING ABOUT LET'S KEEP  
2 IT GOING, NOT JUST 30 DAYS, I ASK FOR THREE MONTHS, AND I'D  
3 LIKE TO THEN ASK FOR MORE, BECAUSE EVEN WHEN I LISTEN TO MR.  
4 FLORES IN HIS ARTICLE YESTERDAY, HE SAID IF IT WASN'T FOR  
5 BUDGET REASONS, WE'D OPEN UP MORE OF THESE SCHOOLS. NOW THAT'S  
6 THE MESSAGE. THESE SCHOOL REALLY HAVE A PURPOSE, AND EACH OF  
7 US GET UP EVERY MORNING WITH A PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE. OUR  
8 SCHOOLS ARE PART OF THAT MOVEMENT, AND SO I'M JUST SAYING TO  
9 ALL OF YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND  
10 DON'T FORGET OUR CHILDREN.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS WRIGHT?

13

14 **PAM WRIGHT:** MY NAME IS PAM WRIGHT AND I AM EMPLOYED BY THE  
15 L.A. COUNTY OF EDUCATION. I AM A TEACHER RESPONSIBLE FOR  
16 MISSION INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM IN POMONA. THE THREE  
17 STUDENTS YOU JUST HEARD FROM ARE MY STUDENTS AND I HAVE TO  
18 SAY, I AM REALLY OVERWHELMINGLY PROUD OF MY STUDENTS. I  
19 STARTED THIS PROGRAM IN MAY OF 2006 BECAUSE THERE WAS A NEED  
20 IN THE COMMUNITY FOR PARENTING TEENS THAT HAD NO OTHER PLACE  
21 TO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL. THESE STUDENTS CANNOT ATTEND  
22 TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS OR OTHER ALTERNATIVES BECAUSE THEY NEED  
23 CHILD CARE, AND MANY OF THEM HAVE JOBS. WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF  
24 STARTING THIS PROGRAM, I HAD ENROLLED 28 STUDENTS. SINCE MAY  
25 OF 2006, WE HAVE HAD 66 GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL, WE HAVE





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1 CONSISTENTLY HAD AN ENROLLMENT OF 20 TO 22 STUDENTS, AND WE  
2 MAINTAIN A WAITING LIST. ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF MY STUDENTS  
3 PASS THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM AND 100 PERCENT OF  
4 MY STUDENTS GRADUATE. OVER 90 PERCENT OF MY STUDENTS ARE  
5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AND THEY ALL COME TO MISSION  
6 INDEPENDENT STUDY BEHIND IN HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS. IN ADDITION,  
7 NEARLY EVERY STUDENT ENTERS OUR PROGRAM READING FAR BELOW  
8 GRADE LEVEL. MISSION INDEPENDENT STUDY IS A 12-MONTH PROGRAM  
9 THAT HELPS STUDENTS BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THREE SEMESTERS IN A  
10 12-MONTH PERIOD OF TIME. INDEPENDENT STUDY ALLOWS FOR THE  
11 FLEXIBILITY OF STUDENTS THAT HAVE CHILDREN AND/OR JOBS IN THAT  
12 WE WORK WITH THEM ON THEIR SCHEDULE. IF THEY ARE ABLE TO FIND  
13 SOMEONE TO BABY-SIT WHILE THEY GO TO SCHOOL, THIS HELPS, OR IF  
14 THEY NEED BRING THEIR BABY, WE ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO SO. MOST  
15 ALL OF OUR STUDENTS WANT TO ATTEND SCHOOL AT LEAST THREE OR  
16 FOUR DAYS A WEEK, AND FOR THREE OR FOUR HOURS EACH TIME THAT  
17 THEY COME. WE'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE ONE-ON-ONE INSTRUCTION AND  
18 STUDENTS VERY QUICKLY REALIZE THEY'RE GOING TO GET THE HELP  
19 THEY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. IN ADDITION TO THE TEACHER, WE  
20 HAVE FEDERAL MONEY THROUGH TITLE 1 THAT PAYS FOR A TUTOR WHO  
21 ALSO WORKS ONE-ON-ONE WITH EACH STUDENT. THE TUTOR WORKS AT  
22 THE SITE WITH OUR STUDENTS AND THEREFORE EACH STUDENT HAS  
23 EVERYTHING THEY NEED TO BE A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT. WE REALIZE  
24 THAT IT IS NOT JUST THE ACADEMIC NEEDS THAT ARE IMPORTANT  
25 BECAUSE IF WE OVERLOOK THOSE BASIC NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL, WE



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1 KNOW THAT THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO FOCUS ON LEARNING. THEREFORE,  
2 IT IS IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT DELIVERS A  
3 NURTURING, CARING, SAFE ENVIRONMENT THAT CAN ALSO CONNECT  
4 STUDENTS WITH ALL THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO MEET EACH OF THE  
5 INDIVIDUAL NEEDS. OUR STUDENTS KNOW THAT WE WILL TAKE CARE OF  
6 THEM, AND AS A RESULT, SCHOOL BECOMES A FAMILY FOR OUR  
7 STUDENTS. OUR STUDENTS KNOW THAT--

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE?

10

11 **PAM WRIGHT:**-- THIS TEACHER IS THEIR SUCCESS, AND I WANT TO  
12 THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS ITEM AND HEARING THE VOICE OF  
13 THOSE OF WHO OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE HEARD.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. COULD WE ALSO HAVE  
16 BRITNEY KABAKOFF. I'M SORRY, I APOLOGIZE FOR MISPRONOUNCING  
17 YOUR LAST NAME. MISS SKELTON.

18

19 **LOLA SKELTON:** HI. I'M LOLA SKELTON AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING  
20 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CAL S.A.F.E. PROGRAMS AS WELL AS  
21 ADVOCATING FOR THE STUDENTS OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. I HAVE WORKED  
22 WITH THE PROGRAMS SINCE THE INCEPTION BACK IN THE EARLY 1990S.  
23 L.A.C.O.E. ESTABLISHED THE P.M.P., PREGNANT MINORS PROGRAM, IN  
24 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IN NOVEMBER OF 1992. WHEN THE PROGRAM  
25 TRANSITIONED, THIS PROGRAM TRANSITIONED INTO THE CAL S.A.F.E.



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1 PROGRAM, THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL AGE FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM.  
2 L.A.C.O.E. AT THIS TIME AS WELL TRANSITIONED THEIR PROGRAMS.  
3 THE TRANSITION INCLUDED THE FATHERS INTO THE PROGRAM AND  
4 LENGTHENED THE DURATION THAT THE STUDENTS COULD RECEIVE  
5 ASSISTANCE FROM THE PROGRAM. THE INTENT OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO  
6 PROVIDE A RIGOROUS HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION FOR PARENTING TEENS  
7 WHILE ADDRESSING THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS AT RISK. WE  
8 NEED NOT ONLY PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, WE ARE  
9 COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE TEENAGERS  
10 AND THEIR CHILDREN. WE PROVIDE THEM WITH PARENTING AND LIFE  
11 SKILLS, TOOLS THAT WILL HELP THEM DISCOVER WHO THEY ARE AS  
12 YOUNG MOTHERS AND FATHERS AS THEY FACE TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES  
13 AND RESPONSIBILITIES AT A VERY VULNERABLE TIME IN THEIR LIVES.  
14 OUR GOAL IS TO HELP THESE TEENS CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION, FIND  
15 JOB TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN TO BECOME  
16 NURTURING PARENTS AS THEY CONTINUE TO GROW AND DEVELOP INTO  
17 RESPONSIBLE ADULTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY  
18 OVER THE LAST 18 YEARS PLAYED A HUGE ROLE IN THESE STUDENTS'  
19 LIVES THAT HELP THEM DISCOVER WHO THEY ARE WHILE GUIDING THEM  
20 TO DO BETTER FOR THEMSELVES AND FIND PASSION IN THEIR  
21 PARENTING AND LIFE. THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CAL S.A.F.E. PROGRAMS  
22 ARE DEDICATED TO THE BETTERMENT OF OUR STUDENTS WHILE  
23 MAINTAINING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND WILLINGNESS TO MEET THE  
24 STUDENTS' NEEDS WHERE THEY ARE WHEN THEY COME TO US, YET  
25 HOLDING HIGH EXPECTATIONS THAT THESE STUDENTS WILL RISE AND



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1 EXCEED THE STATE STANDARDS SET FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. I  
2 CERTAINLY DO UNDERSTAND THAT AT THIS TIME ALL OF EDUCATION IS  
3 FACING A CHALLENGING TIME TO PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION WHILE  
4 MAINTAINING A SOLVENT BUDGET. I AM CONFIDENT THAT A SOLVENT  
5 BUDGET CAN BE OBTAINED WITHOUT ELIMINATING PROGRAMS THAT WOULD  
6 HAVE A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON OUR AT-RISK STUDENTS, AND THEIR  
7 CHILDREN. IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PRESENTLY THERE ARE  
8 L.A.C.O.E. OWNED CLASSROOMS ON FOUR HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUSES.  
9 UTILIZING THESE CLASSROOMS WOULD CUT DOWN ON THE OVERHEAD,  
10 WHICH WOULD HELP THE COSTS OF RUNNING THE PROGRAMS. BY RE-  
11 ESTABLISHING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
12 HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, WE MIGHT APPROACH THEM FOR THE EXCESS  
13 COSTS, KEEPING IN MIND--

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS SKELTON, DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE  
16 YOUR REMARKS?

17

18 **LOLA SKELTON:** KEEPING IN MIND THAT THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES THEM  
19 THE SERVICE THAT PREVENTS AN INCREASE IN THEIR DROP-OUT RATES.  
20 I AM CONVINCED ALL OF US NEED TO BE A CATALYST FOR A BETTER  
21 FUTURE IN OUR SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MISS SKELETON. NEXT WE  
24 HAVE BRITTANY KABAKOFF.

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1   **BRITTANY KABAKOFF:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY  
2   NAME IS BRITTANY KABAKOFF AND I HAVE BEEN A TUTOR AT MISSION  
3   INDEPENDENT STUDIES FOR THREE YEARS. IT SADDENS AND ANGERS ME  
4   TO HEAR THAT THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSING TOMORROW. MOST IF NOT  
5   ALL OF DR. WRIGHT'S STUDENTS WILL NEVER GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL  
6   BECAUSE OF THIS OBSTACLE. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU A FEW  
7   OF THE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT STUDENTS WHO COULD NOT  
8   BE WITH US TODAY ARE FACING ,IN ADDITION TO THE THREE YOU HAVE  
9   ALREADY HEARD FROM. CLAUDIA FLORES, AN 18-YEAR-OLD SPECIAL ED  
10   STUDENT AND MOTHER OF A BEAUTIFUL BABY BOY, CAME TO US READING  
11   AT A KINDERGARTEN LEVEL ONE YEAR AGO. CLAUDIA HAS MADE  
12   INCREDIBLE PROGRESS THROUGH HER WORK WITH DR. WRIGHT AND  
13   MYSELF. BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT THAT OUR INDEPENDENT  
14   STUDY CLASSROOM AFFORDS, CLAUDIA NOW READS INDEPENDENTLY AT A  
15   SECOND GRADE LEVEL. OUR SCHOOL IS THE ONLY SCHOOL THAT CAN  
16   GIVE CLAUDIA THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION, LOVE, SUPPORT AND  
17   UNDERSTANDING THAT CLAUDIA NEEDS. I MEET WITH CLAUDIA TWICE A  
18   WEEK TO COMPLETE PHONICS AND READING COMPREHENSION ACTIVITIES  
19   IN ADDITION TO HER ASSIGNMENTS. IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR  
20   CLAUDIA TO COMPLETE ASSIGNMENTS INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT THIS  
21   INTERVENTION AND INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENTION. AMY TORRES AND JOEL  
22   GARCIA ARE THE PARENTS OF TWO LITTLE BOYS AND ARE EXPECTING A  
23   THIRD. OUR RECENT ULTRASOUND HAS REVEALED THAT THIS CHILD WILL  
24   BE MENTALLY IMPAIRED. THIS COUPLE HAS VERY LITTLE SUPPORT FROM  
25   THEIR EXTENDED FAMILY AND HAS RELIED ON THEIR SCHOOL FAMILY TO



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1 PROVIDE THE LOVE AND SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED TO COMPLETE THEIR  
2 EDUCATION AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. THE LAST THING THEY NEED  
3 RIGHT NOW IS TO DEAL WITH BEING ABANDONED BY THEIR SCHOOL.  
4 THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO GRADUATE IN DECEMBER 2010. WITH THE  
5 BIRTH OF THE NEW BABY ON THE HORIZON, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE  
6 TWO WILL NOW EVER WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO AS BOTH WERE EXPELLED  
7 FROM THEIR HOME SCHOOLS AND HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL AT OTHER  
8 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS. THESE STUDENTS' STORIES ARE JUST A SAMPLE  
9 OF THE EFFECTS OF THE CLOSURE. I COULD EASILY RELATE SIMILAR  
10 HEARTBREAKING EXCERPTS ABOUT EACH OF OUR STUDENTS AND THE  
11 DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF THE CLOSURE AS WELL AS THE OUTSTANDING  
12 SUCCESSES WE HAVE HAD WITH AT RISK YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY. WE  
13 ARE WELL KNOWN AND RESPECTED BY LOCAL FAMILIES AND SOCIAL  
14 SERVICES AGENCIES. OUR CONSISTENT HIGH ENROLLMENT AND 100  
15 PERCENT GRADUATION RATE HAS PROVEN US TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART  
16 OF THE COMMUNITY. I BEG YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION TO  
17 CLOSE THE SCHOOL. IT IS UNFAIR FOR YOU TO TAKE AWAY THE ONLY  
18 EDUCATIONAL OPTION OUR STUDENTS HAVE LEFT AND TO DEPRIVE THEM  
19 OF A DIPLOMA. THANK YOU.

20  
21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES OUR TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM.  
22 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION AS AMENDED? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THIS  
23 ITEM. IT'S CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS, BUT IN THE INTERIM, THEY  
24 ARE GOING TO-- SUPERINTENDENT ROBLES ASSURED US THAT SHE'S  
25 GOING TO BE CARRYING OUT CERTAIN THINGS AND THEN OUR LAWYERS



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1 ARE GOING TO MEET THEIR LAWYERS. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. ALL  
2 RIGHT. I THINK THE LAST ITEM WE HAVE IS ITEM 20. ALL RIGHT.  
3 ITEM 20. WE HAVE TWO SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. I'M GOING TO ASK  
4 WILLIAM LEGERE AS WELL AS GABRIEL WASHINGTON TO PLEASE JOIN  
5 US. PLEASE BEGIN. MR. LEGERE?

6

7 **WILLIAM LEGERE:** WILLIAM LEGERE FROM THE BLACK COALITION, L.A.  
8 COUNTY. I LIVE IN BALDWIN PARK, CALIFORNIA. I'M GOING TO SPEAK  
9 ON ITEM 20. I WAS LISTENING TO THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER ABOUT THE  
10 ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL, HELPING OUR CHILDREN. AS YOU KNOW,  
11 MANY MINORITY CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN  
12 END UP IN FOSTER CARE. I HAVE BEEN IN FOSTER CARE MYSELF AND  
13 WE SHOULD NOT ABANDON OUR CHILDREN. I CHOOSE THIS ITEM 20  
14 BECAUSE IT WOULD KEEP PARENTS AND CHILDREN OUT OF D.C.S.,  
15 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES, AND IT'S A TRAGEDY THAT MANY  
16 CHILDREN ARE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEIR PARENTS, MAYBE BECAUSE  
17 THEIR PARENTS HAD A PREDISPOSING MENTAL ILLNESS OR MAYBE  
18 THERE'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR MAYBE THEY HAVE BEEN ABUSING THEIR  
19 CHILDREN, AND SO TRAGEDY, THEIR CHILDREN ARE TAKEN AWAY,  
20 PARTICULARLY IF THE PARENTS HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS, LIKE  
21 SCHIZOPHRENIA OR BIPOLAR DISORDER OR SCHIZOAFFECTIVE DISORDER  
22 AND THE STATE OR THE COUNTY CANNOT TAKE CARE OF THEIR  
23 CHILDREN, AND SO THEIR CHILDREN ARE TAKEN AWAY. AND SO YOU AS  
24 THE SUPERVISOR, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY FOR THIS COUNTY, THAT  
25 YOU WILL STRENGTHEN THIS PROGRAM AND KEEP THESE CHILDREN IN





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1 THE CARE OF THEIR PARENTS, BECAUSE THEY ARE THEIR PARENTS,  
2 EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY HAVE CHALLENGES THEMSELVES, MAYBE MENTAL  
3 CHALLENGES, MAYBE PHYSICAL CHALLENGES, BUT KEEP THE PARENTS  
4 WITH THE CHILDREN. I STRONGLY BELIEVE CHILDREN, THAT CHILDREN  
5 SHOULD BE RAISED BY THEIR PARENTS, NOT BY THE DATE AND NOT BY  
6 D.C.F.S., BUT BY THEIR PARENTS. THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SAY.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MR. WASHINGTON.

9

10 **GABRIEL WASHINGTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, GLORIA, AND ALL THE  
11 SUPERVISORS, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. MY NAME IS GABRIEL RENE  
12 WASHINGTON, AND THIS IS MY WIFE, MALIA WASHINGTON. I'M A  
13 MINISTER WE'RE THE MOTHER AND FATHER OF CRISTINA AND CHASTITY  
14 WASHINGTON. I WAS BORN HERE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN  
15 GENERAL HOSPITAL AND BOTH OF OUR NEWBORN DAUGHTERS WERE  
16 DETAINED FROM THE HOSPITAL SHORTLY AFTER BIRTH AND WE'RE IN  
17 THE COURT OF APPEAL IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND OUR  
18 APPELLATE ATTORNEY IS ANN FERGOSSO, AS P.O. BOX 234127,  
19 LUCADIA, CALIFORNIA, 92023. HER TELEPHONE IS 760-809-4661,  
20 LEUCADIA IS L-E-U-C-A-D-I-A. AS A MINISTER, I DO PROFESS THE  
21 GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST. I BROUGHT A PICTURE OF MY DAUGHTER,  
22 CHASTITY, AND IT SAYS IN ACTS 4:12, "NEITHER IS THEIR  
23 SALVATION IN ANY OTHER BECAUSE THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME UNDER  
24 HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN WHEREBY WE MUST HAVE SAVED." AND AS A  
25 BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIAN, MY WIFE AND I HAVE A DEEP BELIEF IN



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1 CHRIST AND OUR DAUGHTERS ARE BASICALLY BEING WITHHELD BECAUSE  
2 WE'VE BEEN ACCUSED OF DRUGS AND VIOLENCE AND THINGS THAT WERE  
3 NEVER FOUND TO BE TRUE. THEY'RE FALSE ALLEGATIONS. THE COURT  
4 HAS AGREED WITH US, WE'RE NOT DRUG USERS, YET THE STORY THAT  
5 WAS GIVEN TO D.C.F.S. BY A CALLER IS BEING RECANTED, AND WITH  
6 MY WIFE JUST RECENTLY GIVING BIRTH AND OUR KIDS BEING TAKEN  
7 AWAY, WE WERE ABLE TO GET OUR PARENTING CERTIFICATES AND DO  
8 THE THINGS AS MUCH AS WE COULD THAT THE COURT REQUIRED. WE  
9 WERE GIVEN A DIAGNOSIS OF MENTAL ILLNESS FROM VARIOUS  
10 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO BE CLEARED. WE  
11 STRUGGLED WITH HAVING OUR KIDS TAKEN AND WE'RE JUST ASKING  
12 THAT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS OR GLORIA, IF YOU COULD MAKE A  
13 PHONE CALL TO OUR ATTORNEY AND HELP US REGAIN CUSTODY. THE  
14 FALSE ALLEGATIONS ARE BEING CLEARED BUT YET WE STILL HAVEN'T  
15 BEEN ABLE TO HAVE OUR KIDS COME HOME, SO WE DO BLESS YOU AND  
16 REALIZE IT'S A BIG BUREAUCRACY AND IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS, SO  
17 WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO WORK TOGETHER TO SEE OUR CHILDREN COME  
18 HOME, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SIR, THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THIS ITEM IS  
21 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
22 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
23 ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF THE ITEMS BEFORE US. WE HAVE  
24 PUBLIC COMMENT. OH MY GOSH, WE HAVE 33 PEOPLE. 19. LOOKED LIKE  
25 33. FIRST WE HAVE JOHN KIEFER, FOLLOWED BY GABRIEL WASHINGTON.



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1 MR. WASHINGTON, YOU DON'T NEED TO SPEAK AGAIN IF YOU DON'T  
2 NEED TO. MAXCINE HARRIS AND OSBEE SANGSTER AND JEFF FOGEL, IF  
3 THEY'D JOIN US. IDA VEREEN. DEIRDRE SPIKES. IF YOU'D COME UP,  
4 PLEASE. I ONLY SEE TWO SO FAR. BERT SAAVEDRA. DO YOU WANT TO  
5 BEGIN?

6

7 **JEFF FOGEL:** WERE YOU REFERENCING ME?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES. YOUR NAME IS?

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11 **JEFF FOGEL:** CHAIRPERSON MOLINA, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M JEFF  
12 FOGEL, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. YOU HAVE MY  
13 WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION IN WHICH I PRESENTED MY ENTIRE ARGUMENT  
14 AND CITED THE SEVERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS, COUNTY  
15 ORDINANCES AND CHARTER SECTIONS THAT APPLY. ADDITIONALLY THIS  
16 MORNING, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOUR LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, ERIKA  
17 VINEGAS, SPOKE WITH ME. L.A.C.+U.S.C. HAS BILLED ME AND IS NOW  
18 BILLING ME-- IS NOW BILLING THE COUNTY FOR SERVICES THAT WERE  
19 NEVER RENDERED AND HAS REFUSED TO PROVIDE ME COMPLETE  
20 INFORMATION RESPECTING THOSE ALLEGED SERVICES. UNDER THE  
21 COUNTY CHARTER, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS REQUIRED TO CARRY  
22 OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO MITIGATE THE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC  
23 IMPACTS OF THIS INCIDENT. PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY ARE ENTITLED  
24 TO PROPER SERVICES FROM COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES. BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS SHOULD THEREFORE BE DETERMINED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT



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1 HAPPENED TO ME, WHY IT HAPPENED, AND MAKE THE CHANGES  
2 NECESSARY FOR L.A.C.+U.S.C. TO FUNCTION ADEQUATELY. THE  
3 PROBLEM AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. IS NOT, AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA PUT IT  
4 LAST WEEK, ANALOGOUS TO A FEW BAD APPLES FOULING AN OTHERWISE  
5 SOUND SYSTEM. WITH DUE RESPECT, IN ADDITION TO BEING A  
6 SOMEWHAT CLUMSY ANALOGY, IT SUGGESTS THAT THIS BOARD IS  
7 UNAWARE OF THE EXTENT AND MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM. AS DR.  
8 MCCOY FROM STAR TREK USED TO SAY, "IT'S WORSE THAN THAT."  
9 L.A.C.+U.S.C.'S PROBLEM IS MORE ANALOGOUS TO A CANCER, SLOWLY  
10 SPREADING THROUGH EVERY ORGAN AND CELL. IT'S MY OPINION AND  
11 BELIEF THAT L.A.C.+U.S.C. HAS IMPLEMENTED PRACTICE AND POLICY  
12 OF GROSSLY NEGLIGENT IF NOT FRAUDULENT BILLING AND  
13 MISMANAGEMENT TO PATIENTS' RECORDS. THE EMPLOYEES AT  
14 L.A.C.+U.S.C. WITH WHOM I DEALT ACTED KNOWINGLY, WILLFULLY AND  
15 MALICIOUSLY IN THEIR MISMANAGEMENT OF MY RECORDS, AND I  
16 BELIEVE THAT IT WAS AND REMAINS THE INTENT OF L.A.C.+U.S.C. TO  
17 DEFRAUD THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHEN I ARRIVED AT  
18 L.A.C.+U.S.C.'S DENTISTRY DEPARTMENT, I PROVIDED THE DENTIST  
19 MY OWN X-RAYS AND SAID THAT I PROBABLY NEEDED AN EXTRACTION.  
20 AFTER VIEWING THAT X-RAY FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 SECONDS, THE  
21 DENTIST CONCURRED. HOWEVER, MY TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS HAD  
22 CHANGED AT THE LAST MINUTE AND I WAS UNABLE TO UNDERGO THE  
23 PROCEDURE AT THAT TIME. I EXPLAINED THAT TO THE DENTIST AND  
24 LEFT THE OFFICE. L.A.C.+U.S.C., HOWEVER, WAS CHARGING ME AND  
25 IS NOW CHARGING THE COUNTY FOR SERVICES THAT IT NEVER



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1 PROVIDED, DEMANDING \$500 FOR A TWO-MINUTE VISIT DURING WHICH  
2 NO MEDICAL PROCEDURES WHATSOEVER WERE PROVIDED. THE FRAUDULENT  
3 APPROPRIATION OF COUNTY FUNDS CONSTITUTES EMBEZZLEMENT,  
4 DOESN'T IT? MOREOVER, L.A.C.+U.S.C. HAS REFUSED, CONTINUES TO  
5 REFUSE, TO PROVIDE ME WITH COMPLETE INFORMATION RESPECTING THE  
6 ALLEGED SERVICES, IN RESPONSE TO MY NUMEROUS WRITTEN DISPUTES  
7 AND REQUESTS FOR INSPECTION OF MEDICAL RECORDS, L.A.C.+U.S.C.  
8 REFERRED MY ACCOUNT TO A THIRD PARTY COLLECTION AGENCY.  
9 PARTIAL RESOLUTION OF THE MATTER OCCURRED WHEN I WENT TO THE  
10 FACILITY IN PERSON AND AFTER SPEAKING WITH NO LESS THAN 10  
11 EMPLOYEES OVER A COURSE OF FOUR HOURS, I OBTAINED A WRITTEN  
12 RECORD OF MY VISIT. IN THAT DOCUMENT IT STATES THAT NO  
13 EXTRACTION WAS PERFORMED. HOWEVER, L.A.C.+U.S.C. HAD  
14 PREVIOUSLY SENT ME A BILL FOR \$500 ATTACHED TO WHICH WAS A  
15 LETTER FROM THE BILLING INQUIRY UNIT STATING THAT DENTAL AND  
16 ORAL SURGERY BILLING CODE 6634 WAS PERFORMED.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. FOGEL, DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE YOUR  
19 REMARKS, PLEASE?

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21 **JEFF FOGEL:** I CAN TRY. THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY WATCHING THIS  
22 BOARD WILL BE JUDGED BY HOW IT RESPONDS. THAT'S THE  
23 OBLIGATORY--

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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AGAIN, PLEASE UNDERSTAND, WE'RE  
2   TRYING TO WORK WITH YOU, BUT YOU WERE SEEN BY A MEDICAL  
3   DOCTOR. WE DON'T CHARGE BY THE MINUTE, WE CHARGE BY THE VISIT.

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5   **JEFF FOGEL:** I UNDERSTAND. THAT'S KIND OF EXCESSIVE.

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7   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, MAYBE SO, BUT IT'S THE STANDARD  
8   FIGURE. THANK YOU, SIR. BUT THEY ARE WORKING WITH YOU AND  
9   TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN FIGURE THIS ALL OUT. MA'AM,  
10   YOUR NAME IS?

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12   **OSBEE SANGSTER:** OSBEE SANGSTER.

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14   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU, MS. SANGSTER. PLEASE  
15   BEGIN.

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17   **OSBEE SANGSTER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR, BOARD OF  
18   SUPERVISORS, STAFF AND GUESTS. ONCE AGAIN, MY NAME IS OSBEE  
19   SANGSTER. FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND CATEGORY, I SERVE ON  
20   THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.R.E.P., UNREPRESENTED ETHNIC  
21   POPULATION PROGRAM SUPPORT FOR CONSUMERS, AFRICAN-AMERICANS, A  
22   MEMBER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION, L.A.C.C.C.,  
23   SERVING FOURTH TERM FOR THE METAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT, HOUSING  
24   ADVISORY BOARD AND PRESIDENT OF BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
25   CLIENT COALITION, ALL AS A VOLUNTEER. I APPEAR HERE TODAY



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1 BEFORE YOU-- I WAS HERE IN APRIL 14TH AND MAY 19TH OF 2009  
2 BECAUSE LITTLE HAS CHANGED IN OUR ISSUES AND CONCERNS BROUGHT  
3 BEFORE YOU LAST YEAR. BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT  
4 COALITION LACKS CAPACITY BUILDING AND STRATEGIC PLANNED  
5 DEVELOPMENT, OUR ROAD MAP FOR SUCCESS, NOT FAILURE. IT IS  
6 RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE AND INSTRUCT THE PROGRAM  
7 DIRECTOR OF EMPOWERMENT AND ADVOCACY OR AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR  
8 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO EXTEND THE ORIGINAL TERM OF OUR  
9 CONTRACT CALENDAR HERE ENDING JUNE 30, 2010, REQUESTING TO  
10 EXTEND 12-MONTH EXTENSION FOR YEAR 2010 AND '11. OUR STRATEGIC  
11 PLAN HAS BEEN ON HOLD WITH EMPOWERMENT AND ADVOCACY SINCE  
12 OCTOBER 2009 SINCE SUBMISSION. TOO MUCH TIME HAS ELAPSED IN  
13 DISENGAGEMENT WITHOUT REVIEW OR MODIFICATION. I QUESTION THE  
14 TRUE INTENT. YOU CAN WIN AGAINST AN ECONOMIC POWER STRUCTURE  
15 WHEN YOU HAVE THE ECONOMIC POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.  
16 INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CHANNELS OPENING, NOT  
17 SELECTIVELY CLOSED. IT IS WITHIN THIS GAMUT OF ATTITUDE FOR  
18 CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION WHERE APPROVED ACCESS AND OUTCOMES,  
19 INCLUDING SUBCONTRACTED SERVICES, CONSUMER DRIVEN AND SELF-  
20 DEVELOPMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK, KATHLEEN AUSTRIA, WHO HAS  
21 RECOGNIZED MANY OF OUR FRUSTRATIONS FIRSTHAND IN THE SHORT  
22 TIME SPAN WITH WORKING WITH HER ON NUMEROUS ISSUES. I WOULD  
23 ALSO LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD FOR HIS  
24 SUPPORT BRIEF, ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE APPELLATE COURT ON MY  
25 BEHALF. OUR ARGUMENT IS SCHEDULED JULY 1ST. HOWEVER, I NEED





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1 PRO BONO REPRESENTATION IN THIS MATTER IN ORDER TO LEVEL THE  
2 PLAYING FIELD IN SEEKING JUSTICE, IN DEFENDING CONSUMER RIGHTS  
3 WHO DESERVE BASIC FAIRNESS AND RIGHTS. MADAME CHAIR, IF YOU'LL  
4 RECALL, A COUPLE OF DECADES AGO, I APPRAISED ONE OF YOUR  
5 FAMILY PROPERTIES. IT'S NOT TOO MANY AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN  
6 THAT ARE APPRAISERS, SO I WANT YOU TO THINK BACK AND REFLECT  
7 BACK.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE SUMMARIZE, MS. SANGSTER.

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11 **OSBEE SANGSTER:** I AM TWO DAYS AWAY FROM GOING TO THE APPELLATE  
12 COURT UNREPRESENTED. IT IS DAVID AND GOLIATH CONFRONTATION  
13 CONSIDERING OUR ARGUMENT. MY INDIVIDUAL PLAN FOR EMPLOYMENT  
14 WITH DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION FOR EDUCATION TURNED MY  
15 WHOLE LIFE UPSIDE DOWN BECAUSE IT WAS POORLY WRITTEN AND  
16 EXCLUDED ME OUT OF MY APPRAISAL LICENSE. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERSHIPS SANGSTER. NEXT WE  
19 HAVE DON FRANKEN, DONNA MERIDITH, AND MAUREEN PACHECO.

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21 **BERT SAAVEDRA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BERT SAAVEDRA AND I  
22 HAVE 18 YEARS OF ALCOHOL PREVENTION EXPERIENCE, 15 OF WHICH IS  
23 PAID STAFF AND NOW AS A VOLUNTEER. I RECENTLY RETIRED. IN THE  
24 1990S, I WAS A COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS  
25 APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS, I'VE



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1 SAT ON THE ADVISORY ALCOHOL FOR STAPLES IN L.A. LIVE IN TERMS  
2 OF WRITING THE CONDITIONS FOR ALCOHOL USE AND SERVICE. MY  
3 REASON FOR BEING HERE IS TO ASK THIS BODY TO NOT RENT THE  
4 COLISEUM OR THE VENUE FOR TYPE OF RAVE PARTIES. AS YOU KNOW,  
5 THE NEWS TELLS YOU WHAT HAPPENED. BUT ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, MY  
6 GRANDSON ATTENDED A RAVE IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS ON AUGUST THE  
7 14TH. UNDER THE INFLUENCE, A PASSENGER IN A VEHICLE, FOUR  
8 YOUNG PEOPLE WERE SENT TO THE HOSPITAL. HE BECAME THE WORST  
9 BECAME THE WORST VICTIM. HE HAS A PLATE IN HIS HEAD AND HE WAS  
10 REHABILITATED AND NOW HE'S DOING 90 PERCENT TO WHERE HE WAS  
11 BEFORE. IT'S A MIRACLE. BUT WHEN HE WAS SENT TO BAKERSFIELD  
12 FOR COGNITIVE REHABILITATION, HE MET ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS  
13 WHO WAS A VICTIM OF THE SPORTS ARENA, HAPPENING ON NEW YEAR'S  
14 EVE AND SHE IS NOT REHABILITATED. SHE'S IN A WHEELCHAIR AND  
15 INCAPACITATED FOR LIFE. SHE'S A 17 YEAR OLD. I KNOW THAT THREE  
16 BOARD MEMBERS, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
17 KNABE, SIT ON THE COLISEUM COMMISSION, SO YOU HAVE OVERSIGHT  
18 OVER WHAT HAPPENS IN THAT VENUE. TWO WEEKS AGO, I CALLED  
19 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S OFFICE, I CALLED THE COUNTY OFFICE OF  
20 ALCOHOL PREVENTION, I CALLED SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S  
21 OFFICE TO LET THEM KNOW A HEADS UP, SOMETHING'S GOING TO  
22 HAPPEN, THE RAVE IS GOING TO BE TOO LARGE, IT'S NOT GOING TO  
23 BE HANDLED AS IT SHOULD BE. YESTERDAY AGAIN I CALLED THOSE  
24 THREE OFFICES. I ALSO CALLED THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO  
25 FIND OUT HOW MANY HOSPITALS WERE IMPACTED AND HOW MANY



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1 AMBULANCES WERE USED. THAT INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE  
2 PUBLIC OR MYSELF FOR 30 TO 60 DAYS. THE COLISEUM COMMISSION IS  
3 ON SABBATICAL FOR THE SUMMER. THEY WON'T BE BACK TILL AUGUST  
4 AND I WILL BE THERE TO TESTIFY. I ALSO CALLED ALCOHOL BEVERAGE  
5 CONTROL, BECAUSE IN READING THE INTERNET, I FOUND OUT THAT THE  
6 PROMOTER ALSO HAD PRIVATE AREAS THAT YOU COULD HAVE YOUR  
7 PRIVATE PARTIES. YOU PAID \$4,900, YOU WALKED IN WITH SIX TO  
8 EIGHT OF YOUR FRIENDS, WHO WERE GIVEN TWO FIFTHS OF VODKA AND  
9 OTHER BEVERAGES AND THEN YOU TOOK IN THE VENUE. THERE'S  
10 SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND CONDITIONS THAT WERE WRITTEN FOR  
11 STAPLES AND L.A. LIVE WHEN THEY HAVE PRIVATE SERVICE WITH WHAT  
12 THEY CALL "FULL-BOTTLE" SERVICE, SO A.B.C. SHOULD BE APPRAISED  
13 OF THIS, THERE SHOULD BE NEW CONDITIONS IF IN FACT THEY'RE  
14 GOING TO DO THIS AGAIN, AND ALSO U.S.C. DOESN'T HAVE BEER  
15 SERVED ON THE PREMISES. I DON'T KNOW WHY WE COULD SERVE BEER  
16 AND ALCOHOL. THERE'S COVERAGE IN THE NEWSPAPER, LOCAL NEWS AND  
17 OF COURSE THE INTERNET. AND YESTERDAY I WAS VERY GRATIFIED TO  
18 SEE THAT THE DIRECTORS OF THREE HOSPITALS SPOKE OUT IN  
19 OPPOSITION TO THESE RAVES. IT WAS CALIFORNIA MEDICAL CENTER,  
20 GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL AND WHITE MEMORIAL, AND I APPLAUD THEM  
21 FOR THEIR EFFORTS. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS THIS BOARD OR  
22 THIS BODY JOINING THE SAN MATEO SUPERVISORS IN PASSING A  
23 RESOLUTION TO ASK THE STATE TO PASS A LAW WHERE STATE OR  
24 COUNTY VENUES WILL NOT BE USED FOR THIS TYPE OF EVENT, AND IN  
25 THE LINGO OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE, THEY'RE CALLED ALL AGES PARTY,



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1 AND THIS EVENT ALLOWED 16-YEAR-OLDS AND ABOVE TO COME IN. AND  
2 I'M SURE THE MILLION DOLLARS THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL MADE WITH  
3 THIS EVENT DOESN'T TAKE CARE OF THE MEDICAL BILLS AND THE  
4 HARDSHIP IT'S CAUSED TO THE FAMILIES AND TO OTHER INDIVIDUALS  
5 IN THIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MR. FRANKEN?

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9 **DON FRANKEN:** I'M HERE WITH KEEP L.A. RUNNING WITH DONNA  
10 MEREDITH. WE ARE REAPPLYING FOR A FEE WAIVER. THIS EVENT, KEEP  
11 L.A. RUNNING, HAS GONE ON 17 YEARS, IT WAS STARTED AFTER THE  
12 NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE ORIGINALLY TO AID L.A. COUNTY WORKERS,  
13 S.E.I.U. 721 WORKERS, AS A FUNDRAISER FOR PEOPLE WHEN MAJOR  
14 EMERGENCIES OCCUR. THIS IS FOR HELPING PEOPLE WITH  
15 EARTHQUAKES, FLOODS, FIRES, SO FORTH. THIS YEAR, WE ARE  
16 APPLYING AGAIN FOR FEE WAIVERS FOR THE EVENT, WE'RE REQUESTING  
17 THE BEACHES AND HARBOR PERMIT OF \$150 BE WAIVED IN GROSS  
18 RECEIPTS, \$28,200 ESTIMATED, AND PUBLIC WORKS ENCROACHMENT FEE  
19 OF \$450 BE WAIVED. ALSO WE'RE REQUESTING TO USE THE COUNTY  
20 STAGE, USE OF 25 10X10 CANOPIES, 15 REGULAR PORTABLE TOILETS,  
21 HANDICAPPED-- TWO HANDICAPPED TOILETS OF 30-FOOT CUBIC ROLL-  
22 OFF DUMPSTER AND TRASH BOXES, PLUS 300 CONES, 75 BARRICADES,  
23 12 HAND HELD RADIOS, PORTABLE STAGE AND A 20-FOOT BOX TRUCK.  
24 THIS EVENT IS JULY 11 AT DOCKWEILER BEACH IN PLAYA DEL REY AND  
25 ALL ITEMS HAVE BEEN OUTLINED IN OUR REQUEST. WE'RE ALSO



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1 REQUESTING THE REDUCTION OF PARKING FEES FOR RUN PARTICIPANTS  
2 TO ONE DOLLAR, WHICH IS NORMALLY THE CASE IN MANY RUNS AT  
3 DOCKWEILER BEACH. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO FORM A REQUEST WAIVING  
4 THE FEES FOR THIS EVENT. IT'S BEEN 17 YEARS, AND AGAIN, WE'VE  
5 DONE THINGS OVER THE YEARS SUCH AS DONATING 50,000 TO THE  
6 SYLMAR FIRE VICTIMS IN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT AFTER  
7 THE LAST ROUND OF SYLMAR FIRES, AND WE HAVE RECORDS HERE OF  
8 MANY OF THE L.A. COUNTY WORKERS WHO HAVE BEEN AIDED AND WE'VE  
9 ALSO AIDED KIDS WITH CANCER, PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY WARD ACCOUNT,  
10 U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER AND OTHERS. IT'S A HEALTHY, WONDERFUL  
11 LIFESTYLE EVENT AND WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY NOW  
12 WITH L.A. COUNTY WORKERS WITH PROBLEMS, FITNESS, OBESITY AND  
13 PROPER DIET, SO WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WAIVE THE FEES AND THAT'S  
14 WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY.

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16 **DONNA MEREDITH:** HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS, MY NAME IS DONNA  
17 MEREDITH, AND I'M HERE TO STRAIGHTEN OUT. WE LEFT LITERATURE  
18 LAST WEEK WITH ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND IN THERE,  
19 WE FOUND OUT FROM DEALING WITH KURT PEDERSON THAT PART OF THE  
20 LITERATURE WAS WRONG. THE PARAGRAPH 4 IN THE LETTER TO KNABE,  
21 LINE 3, SAYS THAT S.E.I.U. WAS SPONSORING OUR EVENT. THIS WAS  
22 NOT RIGHT. THIS WAS THE FIRST YEAR THEY HAVE NOT SPONSORED IT,  
23 BUT WE WANTED TO SET IT STRAIGHT AND THE PROBLEM WAS, WE WERE  
24 COPYING PART OF LAST YEAR'S LETTER AND THAT WAS IN THERE BY  
25 ERROR. SO WE WANT TO STRAIGHTEN THAT OUT, BUT WE ARE



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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF S.E.I.U.'S MEMBERS, 721'S MEMBERS, AND THE  
2 COMMUNITY AND SO WE'RE ASKING THAT WE GET THE MOTION TO GET  
3 THIS SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD AND WE CAN GET OUT THERE AND RAISE  
4 THE FUNDS WE NEED TO RAISE TO SUPPORT ALL OF OUR PEOPLE, AND  
5 THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF DISASTER IS  
6 COMING UP. WE HAVE THIS FUND TO HELP THEM OUT AND WE'RE  
7 WORKING VERY HARD ON THAT AND WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN COME  
8 THROUGH AND GIVE US SOME SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'RE NEXT.

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12 **DEIRDRE SPIKES:** HI. MY NAME IS DEIRDRE SPIKES. I'M S.E.I.U.  
13 UNION STEWARD. I'M ON THE BOARD FOR THE 5-K RUN ALSO. I'M HERE  
14 FOR THE SUPPORT. I THINK WE SHOULD KEEP THIS EVENT GOING. I  
15 THINK IT'S A VERY, VERY GOOD EVENT FOR OUR MEMBERS, AND WE DO  
16 AID THE MEMBERS WHEN THEY'RE IN NEED, AND I JUST WANTED TO  
17 SHOW MY SUPPORT.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. MAUREEN PACHECO? ELLIOTT BROWN?  
20 OSCAR JOHNSON? AND BOBBY COOPER. IS MAUREEN PACHECO HERE? MR.  
21 ELLIOTT?

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23 **ELLIOTT BROWN:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOLD ON. YOU'RE OSCAR? OKAY. BOBBY COOPER?  
2   ETHEL JOHNSON? JIM DIMOV AND WALTER BECKTEL. COME ON UP. YES,  
3   SIR?

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5   **ELLIOTT BROWN:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE BOARD. MY NAME IS ELLIOTT  
6   BROWN, AND I'M A SECURITY OFFICER AT EXPOSITION PARK D.P.S.S..  
7   I HELP PROTECT THE WORKERS THERE AND THE PUBLIC EACH DAY. I'M  
8   A MEMBER OF THE BARGAINING COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY SECURITY  
9   OFFICERS. I'M HERE TODAY ON THEIR BEHALF AND THE OFFICERS THAT  
10   WORK AT THE COUNTY FACILITIES. LAST WEEK, WE PRESENTED AN  
11   ECONOMIC PROPOSAL TO THE CONTRACTORS THAT WORK FOR THE COUNTY,  
12   WHICH IS SECURITAS IN NORTH AMERICA. OUR PROPOSAL WAS MODEST,  
13   BUT IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD MOVING A BETTER RELATIONSHIP  
14   BETWEEN US AND THE COUNTY AND THE CONTRACTORS TO LIVE A BETTER  
15   LIFE. OUR PROPOSAL IS BASIC. IT'S AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE,  
16   MODEST WAGE INCREASES, AND PAID SICK DAYS AND PAID HOLIDAYS.  
17   IT'S A STRUGGLE HAVING TO GO TO WORK WITH THE HIGH TEMPERATURE  
18   AND NOT FEELING IT WHEN IT TREMBLES. IT'S A TROUBLE HAVING TO  
19   STAY AT HOME AND BE WORRIED ABOUT MISSING EIGHT HOURS OF WORK,  
20   MISSING A BILL. FROM OUR PROPOSAL, WHAT IT MEANS TO ME IS A  
21   BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH MY WIFE AND MY FAMILY AND BETTER  
22   HEALTHCARE FOR MY FAMILY. WITH A NEW CHILD ON THE WAY, I'LL BE  
23   ABLE TO PROVIDE MEDICINE AND TAKE THEM TO THE DOCTORS AND TAKE  
24   MYSELF TO THE DOCTOR. ALTHOUGH WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR MUCH, THE  
25   CONTRACTORS HAVE NOT SIGNED OUR PROPOSALS YET. WE URGE YOU TO





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1 PLEASE STAND WITH US AND SUPPORT US AS WE GO TO THE BARGAINING  
2 TABLE WITH THEM. ONE THING THAT I WAS READING ABOUT TODAY WAS  
3 COUNTY C.E.O. RECOMMENDED A POLICY TO MAINTAIN SECURITY  
4 SERVICES IN THE EVENT THERE'S AN INTERRUPTION IN THE CONTRACT  
5 SERVICE IN ORDER TO ENSURE CONTINUAL GOOD SECURITY HERE AND AT  
6 THE COUNTY FACILITIES. AS SECURITY OFFICERS, WE KNOW THE BEST  
7 WAY TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST SECURITY STANDARDS IN THE WORKPLACE.  
8 WE WANT TO RAISE THAT QUALITY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE  
9 WORKERS AND THE PUBLIC AS WELL. COUNTY SECURITY OFFICERS,  
10 WE'RE THE FIRST RESPONDERS WHO PROTECT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
11 PERSONNEL STAFF AND THE PUBLIC. WE ARE GETTING TOGETHER AND  
12 BECOMING A CORE UNIT TO KEEP THE COUNTY SAFE AND IMPROVE OUR  
13 LIVES AND OUR FAMILY LIVES. MY FELLOW SECURITY OFFICERS AND I  
14 URGE YOU TODAY TO PLEASE STAND WITH US AS WE GO TO THE TABLE  
15 AND PLEASE FORCE THE CONTRACTORS TO PLEASE BE SERIOUS ABOUT  
16 WHAT WE GO TO THE TABLE. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. PLEASE STAND  
17 WITH US. WE NEED YOU. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OSCAR?

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21 **JIM DIMOV:** WELL, I WISH GLORIA MOLINA WOULD BE HERE, BECAUSE I  
22 HAVE THE MAJOR--

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

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1   **JIM DIMOV:** MY NAME IS JIM DIMOV, D-I-M-O-V, SPELL THE LAST  
2   NAME. MY PHONE NUMBER IS 818-662-8771. MY ADDRESS IS POST  
3   OFFICE BOX 41771, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 90041- 0771. I AM  
4   ASTONISHED TO FIND OUT THAT THE TAXES I HAD BEEN PAYING WERE  
5   ASTRONOMICAL. JUST A FEW DAYS AGO, I FOUND A LIST HERE FROM  
6   UNITED TITLE COMPANY, AND THE TAXES WHICH I PAID, SUPER PAID  
7   ON MY PROPERTY IN HIGHLAND PARK WERE SO MUCH HIGHER THAN  
8   REGULAR, LITERALLY 60 TIMES MORE THAN I'M SUPPOSED TO PAY. AND  
9   MY GREATEST SURPRISE WHEN I FOUND THIS PAPERWORK, I FOUND OUT  
10   THAT I DID PAY \$62,000 UP TO 1992-- EXCUSE ME, UP TO 1999, AND  
11   WHEN I FOUND THIS DOCUMENT, THERE WAS \$74,000 TAXES ADDITIONAL  
12   TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM THE TITLE COMPANY AND ALTOGETHER IT BECAME  
13   \$137,394.07 I HAVE PAID TAXES WHICH I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO PAY AT  
14   ALL. IN 2003, I RECEIVED A PAPER FROM THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR  
15   THAT I OWE THEM \$48,000 MORE TAXES. THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR  
16   HAS TURNED ME INTO A SLAVE. I RAISED FOUR CHILDREN, FOUR GIRLS  
17   AND TWO BOYS, AND THE OTHER DAUGHTER TOLD ME ONE DAY, "DADDY,  
18   THE DEVIL IS VERY BAD," AND I ASKED HER WHY? "BECAUSE HE  
19   SMOKES." AND I FOUND OUT NOT ONLY JOHN MCKINLEY SMOKES, BUT HE  
20   PRODUCE FALSE LETTERS AND GLORIA MOLINA USED HIS FALSE LETTER  
21   IN ORDER TO CLOSE MY CASE, WHICH NEVER DID OPEN, AND I REALIZE  
22   THAT THE TAX COLLECTOR AND ALL OF YOU HERE ARE SMOKING  
23   FALSEHOODS AND INJUSTICE IN MY CASE, AND THAT'S NOT FAIR.  
24   NOBODY HAS TAKEN ANY ACTION REGARDING RETURNING MY TAXES BACK  
25   WHICH WERE SUPERLY PAID, AND I NEED THIS MONEY TODAY. PLEASE



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1 GIVE MY \$185,178.83 PLUS 10 PERCENT INTEREST SINCE 1988. THANK  
2 YOU SO VERY MUCH AND I WISH GLORIA MOLINA WOULD BE HERE. TOO  
3 BAD SHE WENT OUT.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, I'VE HEARD YOUR STORY BEFORE.

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7 **JIM DIMOV:** BUT YOU HAVE MY PAPERWORK--

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, WE GOT ALL YOUR LETTERS.

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11 **JIM DIMOV:** -- MENTIONED THAT MY CASE IS CLOSED, WHICH HAS  
12 NEVER BEEN OPENED. YOU HAVE NOT RESPONDED--

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. DIMOV.

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16 **JIM DIMOV:** TO ONE STATEMENT OF MINE AND IT WAS CLOSED. THANK  
17 YOU VERY MUCH.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IF WE CAN HAVE BOBBY COOPER, ETHEL  
20 JOHNSON. NOT HERE? WALTER BECKTEL. AND ARNOLD SACHS. DID HE  
21 LEAVE US? THERE HE IS. PLEASE COME UP AND JOIN US, MR. COOPER.  
22 I'M SORRY. MR. JOHNSON. I APOLOGIZE.

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24 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE OPPRESSED, I  
25 SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR CULTURE CHANGE.



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1 I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, THANK GOD  
2 FOR HIS WIFE, MISS MICHELLE OBAMA. I HOPE TO MEET THEM IN THE  
3 NEAR FUTURE. I THINK IT'S TIME FOR AMERICA TO HAVE A RELIGION  
4 EDUCATION. EVERYTHING HAS FALLEN IN AMERICA. IT'S TIME FOR  
5 AMERICA TO HAVE A RELIGION EDUCATION, A RELIGION THAT IS PURE.  
6 TRULY PURE REGION IS THE WORSHIP OF GOD ONLY. UNITE IN  
7 LEADERSHIP. WE HAVE THE HOLY BOOK. WE KNOW THE RELIGION LEADER  
8 THAT KNOWS THE HOLY BOOK. UNITE FOR LEADERSHIP AND TRY TO  
9 BRING SALVATION TO OUR MANKIND. WE NEED TO END CORRUPTION IN  
10 GOVERNMENT, END ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, PENALIZE THE BUSINESSES  
11 THAT HOUSE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, PENALIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT  
12 HAVE OFF RECORD BUSINESS, REMOVE BUSINESS AT THE BLACK  
13 COMMUNITY THAT IS NOT OWNED AND OPERATED BY BLACK PEOPLE. WE  
14 WANT TO SEE OURSELF AS BLACK PEOPLE IN A VERY INFERIOR LIGHT,  
15 VERY INFERIOR CONDITION LIGHT, WE'RE ONLY ENTERTAINERS FOR  
16 OTHER PEOPLE WITH SOME TYPE OF BALL IN OUR HAND, AND THAT'S  
17 NOT THE AMERICAN WAY. WE SHOULD END GOVERNMENT WASTE. WE NEED  
18 BETTER BUSES AND LESS RAILS. WE NEED RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY  
19 AND REASON. WE NEED MORALS AND A SPIRIT OF AWAKENING. OUR  
20 CONSTITUTION SAYS FAMILY FIRST. THERE CAN BE NO FAMILY WITHOUT  
21 MARRIAGE. THERE CAN BE NO FAMILY WITHOUT MARRIAGE TO MAKE IT  
22 LEGAL. WE NEED JOBS AND WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE  
23 COMMON GOOD. WE NEED TO WORK FOR PARTNERSHIP INSTEAD OF CRIME  
24 PARTNER GOVERNMENT BECAUSE I SEE THAT RACISM IS AN UGLY THING  
25 ALL OVER THE WORLD THOUGH , BUT A LOT OF TIMES WE SEE RACISM



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1 WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO COME TOGETHER FOR SOME GOOD, WE'VE BEEN  
2 DISCRIMINATED UPON. BUT AS LONG AS THERE'S DIFFERENT  
3 NATIONALITIES, IF THERE'S ANY CORRUPTION TOGETHER, I GUESS  
4 THEY'RE VERY CONTENT WITH THEIR CORRUPTION, BUT IT'S GOT TO  
5 COME TO AN END. THE BILL OF RIGHTS, THE DECLARATION OF  
6 INDEPENDENCE SAID-- THAT THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE  
7 STATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT EXISTS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE  
8 PEOPLE. GOVERNMENT RECEIVED POWER TO RULE ONLY THROUGH THE  
9 AGREEMENT OF THE PEOPLE. TO THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS MEAN TO  
10 THE RIGHT TO OWN PROPERTY AND TO HAVE IT SAFEGUARD, THE RIGHT  
11 TO STRIVE FOR THE GOOD OF ALL PEOPLE, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN HOME  
12 BORN SLAVES BEFORE AMERICA ACTUALLY BECAME THE HOME BORN  
13 SLAVE. HOME BORN SLAVE IS ANYONE THAT IS NOT SERVING THEIR OWN  
14 SELF AND SERVING OTHER PEOPLE. THEY'RE CALLED HOME BORN  
15 SLAVES. HOME BORN SLAVE IS REBELLED, UNLAWED AND DISCONTENTED  
16 RENEGADE IN A WICKED PRIDE OF A HOME BORN AND DOMESTIC ENEMY.  
17 LET US ALL TRY TO WORK TOGETHER WITH PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA,  
18 TRY AND WORK TO SAVE AMERICA AND TRY TO SAVE THE WORLD OF THIS  
19 TRAGEDY WHAT'S GOING ON ALL OVER AMERICA THROUGH MALL AND  
20 UNEDUCATED AND MISEDUCATED AND SATAN, THE DEVIL.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. RUTH CRAFT, IDA VEREEN,  
23 DEIRDRE SPIKES. MR. BECKTEL. WALTER BECKTEL: GOOD MORNING. I  
24 MEAN, GOOD AFTERNOON IT IS NOW. MY NAME IS WALTER BECKTEL. I  
25 JUST WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT-- I MEAN, A COMPLAINT I MADE ON



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1 THE 15TH HERE ABOUT ONE OF YOUR PERSONNEL, I WAS TOLD WAS  
2 GOING TO BE CONTACTED BY DON ASHTON AND HE WAS GOING TO EMAIL  
3 ME. THAT WAS ALMOST TWO WEEKS AGO. NOBODY'S GOING TO CONTACT  
4 ME, OR WHAT?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW. WERE YOU GOING TO BE-- WHO  
7 SAID THAT MR. ASHTON WAS GOING TO CONTACT NOW?

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9 **WALTER BECKTEL:** WELL, HE DID. HE WROTE ME AN EMAIL SAYING, "I  
10 GOT YOUR EMAIL, I GOT YOUR MESSAGE. OKAY. "I WILL RESPOND TO  
11 YOU LATER," AND THAT WAS THE END OF IT. I WROTE A VERY  
12 METHODOLOGICAL EMAIL, I SPELLED OUT WHAT HAPPENED.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL, WE WILL HAVE HIM TALK TO YOU.

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16 **WALTER BECKTEL:** OKAY, OKAY, OKAY. I ALSO WANTED TO SAY  
17 SOMETHING ABOUT THE PLASTIC BAGS YOU GUYS VOTED AGAINST HERE.  
18 I'VE READ AN ARTICLE HERE, IT'S DATED SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1977 FROM  
19 THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, PAGE F15, COLUMN 3. IT SAYS "NEW TRASH  
20 BAG DISINTEGRATES UNDER SUNLIGHT." THEY'VE HAD TECHNOLOGY  
21 SINCE 1977 THAT MAKES TRASH BAGS THAT DISINTEGRATE. WHY ARE WE  
22 ELIMINATING THEM ENTIRELY? WHY CAN'T WE JUST HAVE, YOU KNOW,  
23 SPIKE THE SITUATION, FORCE THEM TO HAVE THESE PLASTIC BAGS  
24 THAT DISINTEGRATE, AND IF WE WANT ONES THAT DON'T  
25 DISINTEGRATE, THEY'LL HAVE TO PAY FOR THOSE, BUT YOU'RE



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1 ELIMINATING THESE ENTIRELY? IT SEEMS TO ME FROM WHAT I CAN  
2 REMEMBER DURING THE '60S, WHEN THEY TRIED THIS THING, WE ALL  
3 HAD TO HAVE THESE TOTE BAGS THAT WERE MADE OUT OF WHATEVER  
4 THEY MADE THEM OUT OF AND THE REASON WHY IT DIDN'T GO OVER IS  
5 BECAUSE THEY STARTED CLOGGING UP THE TRASH COMPACTORS FROM THE  
6 PEOPLE THAT DISPOSED OF THESE THINGS. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY IS  
7 ALSO GOING TO REMEMBER TO BRING THEIR REUSEABLE BAG, AND  
8 FURTHERMORE, HAVING TO PAY A DOLLAR? I MEAN, THESE PEOPLE, I  
9 CAN HARDLY MYSELF GET BY. A DOLLAR IS A LOT OF MONEY, IF WE  
10 HAVE TO BUY TWO OR THREE OF THESE THINGS A WEEK, THAT'S REALLY  
11 GOING TO CUT INTO OUR PAY, BUT FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES WHO  
12 HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY, A DOLLAR IS NOTHING, BUT I THINK YOU  
13 SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT A BAG THAT-- AS SOON AS YOU USE IT, IT  
14 USUALLY GETS SOME SYRUP ON IT OR SOME BROKEN EGGS OR SOME  
15 MILK, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO REUSE THIS THING, YOU'RE GOING TO  
16 THROW IT IN THE TRASH, AND THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT BENEFIT ARE  
17 THE ADVERTISERS THAT PUT THEIR GIANT SIZE ADVERTISEMENT ON THE  
18 SIDE OF THE BAG. THIS IS RIDICULOUS. I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD  
19 TALK TO THIS BISPAK CORPORATION THAT'S OUT OF ATLANTA. I THINK  
20 THEY PROBABLY MAKE MILLIONS OF THESE BAGS. WHY DON'T WE USE  
21 THOSE INSTEAD AND AFFECT THE SITUATION RATHER THAN FORCE THESE  
22 DOLLAR BAGS ON US THAT NOBODY CAN REALLY AFFORD. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS.

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** (OFF-MIC.) I APOLOGIZE. I SPENT A LOT OF TIME  
2   TEARING INTO YOU REGARDING THE CRAZINESS INVOLVED WITH THE  
3   BLUE LINE AND THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, BUT TODAY  
4   AT THE M.T.A. BOARD MEETING WHEN I WAS HAVING BREAKFAST,  
5   SOMEBODY LEFT A NOTE OR A DOCUMENT ON MY TABLE THAT A MOTION  
6   BY MOLINA, FASANA, ANTONOVICH, LOEWENTHAL, FROM AUGUST 2005,  
7   "WHEREAS EXISTING LAW ESTABLISHES THE LOS ANGELES TO PASADENA  
8   METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY NOW KNOWN AS THE METRO  
9   GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY." THERE IT  
10   IS. SEE? NOW KNOWN AS THE GOLD LINE FOOTHILL CONSTRUCTION  
11   AUTHORITY FROM AUGUST 2005, AND WHO KNEW? THAT BEING SAID, THE  
12   PASADENA FREEWAY IS GOING TO GET A NEW MAKEOVER, A NEW NAME,  
13   BEING CALLED THE ROYO SECO. THE NEW NAME, AND I'M READINGS  
14   FROM THIS L.A. TIMES ARTICLE FROM TWO DAYS-- FROM JUNE 25TH,  
15   FRIDAY, THE NEW NAME IS INTENDED TO REFLECT THE STATE  
16   LEGISLATURE DECISION IN THE EARLY 1990S TO COMMEMORATE THE  
17   HIGHWAY BY DESIGNATING CALIFORNIA HISTORIC PARKWAY. THE STATE  
18   LEGISLATION'S DECISION. WHICH IS SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THE GOLD  
19   LINE AND THE BLUE LINE. THE STATE LEGISLATION CREATED THE BLUE  
20   LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. THIS ITEM AGENDIZED ON THE METRO  
21   BOARD FROM 2005 NOW KNOWN AS THE GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION.  
22   SO WHY IN MARCH 17TH, 2010, WHEN THE MONEY WAS ALLOCATED, OVER  
23   \$600,000-- \$600 MILLION, WAS ALLOCATED NOT TO THE BLUE LINE  
24   FOOTHILL EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, THE METRO PASADENA--  
25   - THE PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE RIGHT HERE. MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN



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1 THIS ITEM. THERE'S NO LEGISLATION THAT BACKS IT UP. REMINDS ME  
2 OF THAT OLD SAYING, DRIVE FOR SHOW, PUTT FOR DOUGH. YOU CAN  
3 TALK ALL YOU WANT ABOUT THE GOLD LINE. ANOTHER ARTICLE IN THE  
4 GOLD LINE WAS THAT THEY'RE MOVING FORWARD WITH PHASE ONE, THE  
5 GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. MS. MOLINA IS CONCERNED  
6 ABOUT LIABILITY COSTS. THE BLUE LINE'S GOT THE MONEY, THE BLUE  
7 LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY'S GOT THE MONEY, WHO IS GOING TO  
8 COVER ANY LIABILITY? THIS IS LIKE SPOTS ON A LEOPARD. YOU'RE  
9 SITTING ON A BOARD MAKING THOSE KINDS OF DECISIONS AND THEN  
10 YOU'RE GOING TO COME BACK TO THE COUNTY AND IMPART YOUR WISDOM  
11 ON OTHER DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THE POPULATION AS A WHOLE.  
12 THAT'S A WONDERFUL SENSE OF A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE THAT YOU GIVE  
13 THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ALL RIGHT. MA'AM?

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17 **RUTH CRAFT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RUTH CRAFT. THE  
18 GENTLEMAN TO MY LEFT IS ULYSSES TORRE. AT ONE TIME IN THE  
19 1980S, WE FORMED AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE FIST. IT WAS AN  
20 ORGANIZATION THAT TAKEN ON ECONOMIC VALUES IN THE BLACK  
21 COMMUNITY. THERE WAS A KOREAN AND BLACK CONFLICT IN THE  
22 BUSINESS AREAS OF LOS ANGELES, MAINLY THE CRENSHAW DISTRICT.  
23 WE GOT INVOLVED IN THIS ORGANIZATION BECAUSE, AS BUSINESS  
24 OWNERS IN THE BALDWIN HILLS, CRENSHAW DISTRICT, WE WERE RAN  
25 OUT OF BUSINESS, AND EVEN TODAY, NO ONE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT I



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1 WAS EVER A BUSINESS OWNER IN THE CRENSHAW DISTRICT, AND I'M  
2 HERE TODAY TO FIGHT FOR WHAT I BELIEVE IS CORRECT. "JUSTICE  
3 DELAYED IS JUSTICE DENIED," AND THIS BODY, THIS COUNTY, THE  
4 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IS THE MOST-- OR ONE OF THE MOST  
5 UNFRIENDLY COUNTIES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR  
6 CHILDREN, PARENTS AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE  
7 DONE. I COMMEND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THE  
8 JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INTO THE PROBATION AREA, EFFORTS OF THIS  
9 BODY, BUT WE ALSO NEED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE  
10 WHAT HAPPENED TO BLACK BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE CRENSHAW  
11 DISTRICT IN THE ERA OF THE 1980S. MANY OF US WAS MURDERED. I  
12 WAS PERSONALLY RAN OUT OF BUSINESS. I ENDED UP ON THE STREET.  
13 I WENT ON WELFARE, I'VE BEEN HARASSED, I'VE BEEN RETALIATED  
14 AGAINST BY OIL COMPANIES, BANKS, INSURANCE COMPANIES. NO, I AM  
15 NOT MAD. NO, I'M NOT GLAD, BUT I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED  
16 STATES OF AMERICA AND I EXPECT THE SAME JUSTICE. I'M NOT O.J.  
17 SIMPSON, I DON'T HAVE A LAWYER, I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY, BUT I  
18 HAVE A RIGHT TO COME BEFORE THIS BODY AND TO BRING THIS BODY  
19 ACCOUNTABLE NOT ONLY TO ME BUT THE CHILDREN, THE BLACK  
20 COMMUNITY, THE WHITE COMMUNITY, THE GREEN COMMUNITY, ANYBODY  
21 IN THIS COUNTY THAT HAS PAID TAXES AND VOTED HAS A RIGHT TO  
22 HOLD THIS BODY ACCOUNTABLE FOR ITS INJUSTICES. I WOULD  
23 APPRECIATE MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IF WE COULD HAVE ANOTHER  
24 MEETING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. I'VE CALLED ON THOSE  
2   OTHER FOLKS. I GUESS THEY WEREN'T HERE. THAT CONCLUDES OUR  
3   PUBLIC COMMENT. I'LL HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER READ US INTO  
4   CLOSED SESSION.

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6   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
7   NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
8   CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.-1 AND C.S.-2,  
9   CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,  
10   AND PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
11   MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 6TH, 2010, AT 1:00 P.M.. THANK  
12   YOU.

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1 REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2010

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION

6 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

7 Settlement of Breach of Contract and False Claims Act Cases

8 (three cases) Levi et al. v. Los Angeles County Board of

9 Supervisors, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 112429,

10 Court of Appeal Case No. B222371; G Coast Construction, Inc.

11 v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court

12 Case No. BC 412705; Lincoln General Ins. Co. v. G Coast

13 Construction, Inc., et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case

14 No. BC 418725 (10-1513).

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16 The Board authorized settlement of the matters titled Levi et

17 al. v. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, G, Coast

18 Construction, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., and

19 Lincoln General Ins., Co. v. G Coast Construction, Inc., et

20 al. The details will be made available once the settlements

21 have been finalized. The vote of the Board was unanimous with

22 Supervisor Knabe being absent.

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24 CS-2. No reportable action was taken.

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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
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